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BIG PROPERTY OWNERS BALK AT HIGH ASSESSMENTS; ASK REDUCTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL

Board of Revision and Appeals Makes Rapid Progress.

INEQUALITIES ARE ALLEGED

Main Street Properties Assessed at From $500 to $1,700 a Front Foot; "Most Equitable Assessment Ever Made" is Jarred by Arguments.

"The most equitable assessment ever made" as the city valuation has been, hailed by members of city council, was badly jolted in the arguments made before the first day's session of the board of revision and appeals, which began its sittings in the council room this morning. Appeals from the First and Second wards were heard. Few persons appeared to support their written appeals from valuations in the Second ward, but the First ward complainants turned out in force.

At the conclusion of the morning session the board adopted a resolution declaring that all appeals must be filed by noon on Wednesday to receive consideration. Solicitor Higbee was of opinion that an extension of time beyond the original limit, Saturday, should be allowed, but the councilmen declared they wished to give every person a chance to be heard. Every appeal must be in the hands of the board by Wednesday noon.

Virtually all the appeals were based on allegations of inequality. One appellant declared that his property was assessed at $1,000 more than he asked for it, and further stated that the actual price was considerably more than he could hope to receive at this time. Several other appellants declared that their properties were assessed at figures considerably higher than they actually cost when purchased.

No proposed valuations on Main street properties were attacked. For the most part the appellants resolved the case down to a question of foot frontage. It was shown that while some Main street holdings were assessed as low as *$500 a foot front*, others were boosted as high as $1,700.

The question whether hotels should be assessed at a high figure, as such, was raised in the appeal of Cuneo & Gandolfi, whose Main street property is assessed at $61,500. Attorney Goldsmith, appearing for the appellants, held that if such is the rule to be adopted it should be applied to all hotels alike. He pointed out that the Cuneo building, with its assessment of $61,500, has a frontage of but 41 feet. The Yough House, with a frontage of 92 feet on Main street, is assessed at only $46,500.

None of the appeals was passed on. Arguments were heard and any evidence in addition to that contained in the formal entry were added to it for future reference, when action is taken on them.

Rapid progress was made. There *was no need for a time limit on any* of the appellants. Those represented by counsel and those who were not stated their arguments briefly. Many of them had prepared written statements to be used in addition to their formal appeals.

Approximately 200 appeals are on file and it was predicted that all of them will be disposed of by Wednesday, after which date council will take up consideration of each case and pass upon it.

All five members of council are sitting as a body to hear the appeals.

Before the testimony was begun, Councilman Cuns stated in behalf of council that every effort would be made to treat the appeals with fairness.

"We want to assure every appellant" he said, "of our sincere desire to give a fair hearing in this matter. We have *no object or purpose other than to* arrive as near as may be to a just and equitable assessment.

"No one has any idea of the magnitude of this work that had to be done by the assessors within a limited time. We know there have been errors of judgment, and clerical errors, and it is our purpose to rectify these errors so far as possible. We assure equal consideration for large and small property owners and their rights and property will be fully protected."

The first assessment taken up was that of Benjamin Goldsmith, who objected to the assessment of $2,600 on a frame house. It was filed without argument.

The appeal of Annie Ghilotti was argued by Attorney S. R. Goldsmith. This property consists of a brick building on South Pittsburg street valued at $3,500. The building cost $1,500 and the lot cost $1,000. It is assessed at exactly what it cost. Mr. Goldsmith held the assessment should come down if properties are not to be assessed at full market value. Compared with other assessments, it should be placed at about $2,000, Mr. Goldsmith said. Assessor J. A. DeWitt said the assessors were under the impression the lot cost $5,000, which Mr. Goldsmith denied. No statement was made to the appeal from the $500 valuation on a lot in Stahl square.

Mr. Goldsmith also appeared for C. H. Bishop whose Main street property is assessed at $13,600. He pointed out that this is at the rate of $850 a foot front on a depth of 65 feet. It was pointed out that the property is assessed at $77 a foot front more than the Morton property adjoining, which has a depth of 165 feet. The Bishop property was bought for $8,000. The Morton property is assessed at the rate of only $773 a front foot. Mr. Goldsmith pointed out that this should be equalized. He considered that $600 a foot front would be ample, compared with other properties.

The appeal of F. A. Kail presented a similar situation. The Kail property is *assessed at $14,500, or $900 more* than Bishop's, and is also on a short lot.

Solicitor Higbee raised the question of the difference in the value of the Kail, Bishop and Morton properties, but Goldsmith held that all of the buildings were old, and differed little in value.

On the appeal of Dave Cohen, it was explained that the property assessed at $3,100, is built on a small lot, only 52 feet deep, and in comparison with other Arch street properties, is assessed too high. Mr. Goldsmith explained that the highest assessment in the row is $3,700, and all the rest are lower; some of them brick houses. Mr. Cohan thinks $2,000 would be an equitable valuation. Some of the lots next to him, Mr. Cohen testified, have sold as low as $200.

Attorney F. D. Munson appeared for Mrs. Aline M. Atkinson. The claim was made that she has been discriminated against. The request was made for a separate valuation of two Apple street properties. These two properties are assessed at $10,200. Assessor DeWitt said that Mrs. Atkinson told him she considered her property worth $25,000. Attorney Munson pointed out that the Hetzel property, adjoining that of Mrs. Atkinson, is assessed at only $7,700, although Mrs. Hetzel's lot has a depth of 165 feet, and a greater frontage than the Atkinson property.

A protest was made against the $61,200 assessment against the St. James Hotel property, which Attorney Goldsmith declared the most inequitable in the city. He showed that the lot and building cost the Cuneos only $34,000, and asked that the figure be put down to $35,000. He showed that $2,000 a foot front is entirely too high, pointing out that the Wallace property, with a 66 foot frontage, is assessed only at the rate of $500 a front foot. He called attention to the Yough House, with a 92 foot frontage, *as assessed only at* $46,500. He said if hotels were to be valued high, as such, all of them should go up.

Mr. Maggie Hetzel objected to the assessment of $7,700 against her Apple street property. She pointed out that where she could get an income of only $50 from her three houses, adjoining property of Robinson & Coughenour, which brings $100 a month income, is assessed at only $6,800.

Attorney Goldsmith appeared for J. Harvey Hoover, who objects to an assessment of $9,500 against his property at the corner of Pittsburg street and Fairview avenue. He pointed out that the Evans building, a three-story brick building, is assessed at *only $11,000*, and declared *the Hoover* assessment entirely too high.

Solicitor Higbee said the property was sold to Peter Rutsch for $10,000, and was bought by Hoover at that figure. Goldsmith claims the property would not bring more than $8,500 now, and should not be assessed at more than $5,000.

V. H. Sesson appeared to protest the $35,000 assessment on the office building of the Joseph Sesson estate, and the $68,000 assessed against the *Sesson Theatre. He pointed out* that the office building is assessed at $350 foot front, while the Yough House, adjoining, is assessed at only $520 foot front. As to the theatre building he said his foot-front assessment is $1,480 a foot, compared with $1,030 for the Frisbee building and $1,090 for the Smith House.

H. H. Christner filed objections to the $27,500 assessment against the White Rock distillery. He pointed out that the building cost only $10,-*032 10 years ago.* As to the ground, Mr. Christner held that $2,500 would be a fair valuation on the lot. Assessor DeWitt asked what the lot cost, saying it was $5,000. W. D. McGinnis a stockholder of the company, said this cost of the lot didn't enter into the matter. Christner quoted assessments on various lots in the vicinity as lower than the distillery is assessed.

A former assessment against the property was $20,000, which the county commissioners cut to $17,500. The company holds that $15,000 would be a sufficient amount. Christner declined to make a statement as to what the property would bring at a fair public sale.

The Goldsmith property next came up for consideration. Attorney Goldsmith pointed out that $27,500 was about $10,000 too much. He showed that this is at the rate of $1,100 a front foot, as compared with $787 for the Wallace property, $850 for the Sesson building, opposite, and $600 for the Yough House. He also commented on the small revenue from the property.

The assessment of $17,500 against the P. Bufano building on South Pittsburg street, Attorney Goldsmith pointed out that *the present income of the* building is but $50. Mr. Bufano himself held that the valuation is equivalent out that the monthly income of the property is not sufficient to warrant such an assessment at this time.

George A. Munson protested against the $36,900 assessment against the Munson building, which he said was $4,900 more than they would take for the building. He pointed out that this assessment was on a basis of $1,767 a foot front. Mr. Munson declared that if the county, school and city tax were

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ELKS HONOR DEAD MEMBERS; ELOQUENT MEMORIAL ADDRESS

Stephen V. Morgan of McKeesport Proves Able Speaker.

DECORATIONS ARE VERY PRETTY

Appropriate Music by Orchestra and Vocal Numbers by Mrs. Newcomer and Mr. Werner Add to Interest of Program in Soisson Theatre.

At the same time that 200,000 Elks all over the land were honoring the memory of departed brothers, Connellsville Lodge No. 503 B. P. O. E., yesterday conducted its annual memorial exercises in the Soisson theatre. For quiet simplicity and beauty the services were never surpassed here.

The stage of the theatre was tastefully decorated. The familiar Elks' head surrounded by the clock, done in purple and white with 33 purple and white lights arranged about the rim, each bulb representing a departed brother, was hung at the back. American flags were draped at each side. The rest of the decorative effect was in flowers. Bouquets of purple and white chrysanthemums were arranged about the stage and fern clusters screened the front. Lillies and carnations added to the beauty of the floral display.

After the B. P. O. E. funeral march by Byron Porter, during which members of the lodge, each with a white carnation pinned on his coat lapel, marched in and took their places, Mrs. Margaret Davies Newcomer sang "My Shepherd is the Lord, My God," and the opening ceremonies were conducted by J. B. Millard, past exalted ruler.

Mrs. Newcomer and Robert L. Werner sang "Tarry With Me."

The annual eulogy was spoken by Stephen V. Morgan, of McKeesport Lodge No. 136. Mr. Morgan's address set a standard for excellence that will be hard to equal. Possessed of a pleasing presence and a splendid voice, he delivered one of the most eloquent addresses ever heard here on such an occasion. Couched in choicest language and graced by pretty figures of speech, his outline of the principles of Elkdom and the significance of the pretty custom of honoring its dead on the first Sunday of December each year, made a distinct impression on his hearers. He held the audience at every moment and his last words were heard with regret.

Robert L. Werner sang "Fear Ye Not, O Israel" and Mr. Millard conducted the closing ceremonies. After the doxology by the audience, Rev. E. B. Burgess pronounced the benediction. Kifer's orchestra played several appropriate numbers during the progress of the service.

Four members of Connellsville lodge died during the last year—F. W. Stickel, John Henry White, William A. Springer and Max Ginder.

TO ELECT TEACHER

C. S. Palmer of Silver Lake, New York, to be High School Instructor.

Beside effecting a reorganization, at the regular monthly meeting to be held at 8 o'clock this evening, the school board will likely elect C. S. Palmer as professor in chemistry to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of *C. C. McCall.*

Mr. Palmer comes here from Silver Lake, Chautauqua county, N. Y., *where he was principal of a borough* high school. He is married and has two daughters. In case he is chosen to fill the position, the family will make their home in Connellsville, and he will assume his duties at once.

A president and vice president are to be elected at this meeting.

FIRE IN BATHROOM.

Blaze Starting from Gas Stove Does Damage at Hanlon Home.

Both wagon and truck responded to a fire at the residence of R. L. Hanlon on North Arch street about 3 o'clock *Saturday afternoon.* What might have resulted in a serious fire was quickly extinguished and the damage was confined to burnt woodwork in the interior of a bath room on the second floor.

According to reports, a member of the family lighted a gas stove in the bath room and returning about 15 minutes later found the interior of the room in flames. The chemical extinguishers were used with good effect by the firemen.

TO DISTRIBUTE CANDY.

A. M. Fuller of Perryopolis, Places Order for 1,400 Pounds.

A. M. Fuller, the Perryopolis millionaire who yearly gives Christmas candy to children of the churches in that vicinity, has placed an order for *1,400 pounds of Reymer's candy* which he will distribute before the holidays.

Mr. Fuller's Christmas cheer has taken this form for several years past and the kiddies have come to look forward to their annual candy donations with much eagerness.

To Elect Directors.

The annual meeting of the stockholder of the Connellsville Machine & Car Company will be held this evening in the office of the company on North Water street. Directors for the ensuing year will be elected.

PRISONER AT BAR SHOOTS AND KILLS TWO SPECTATORS

By Associated Press.

WENATCHEE, Wash., Dec. 7.—Harry Carr of Leavenworth, on trial for attacking a girl shot and killed C. D. Franklin in a courtroom at Cashmere today.

The bullet glanced and also killed a man named Parsons.

WILSON OPPOSES PLAN TO INVESTIGATE DEFENSES

Says Such Action Might Create "Very Unfavorable International Impressions."

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President Wilson announced today he was opposed to Representative Gardner's plan for investigating the preparedness of the United States for national defense because he thought it was an unwise way of handling "a question which might create very unfavorable international impressions."

Representative Gardner called on the President today at the latter's request to discuss his resolution for an investigating commission. During his call Mr. Gardner read the following two questions to the President:

"There are two ways of defeating my resolution. It can be defeated on a square vote and nay vote, or it can be pigeonholed in the committee on rules. Which course do you advise?

"Will you authorize army and navy officers to testify before the rules committee on my investigation, either with or without restrictive instructions?"

When Mr. Gardner left the President he refused to say what answer had been given to his questions. White House officials said the formal statement given out would be the only comment on the call.

PROBATION REPORT

Twenty-eight Persons Now Under Charge of County Officer.

The following is the annual report of County Probation Officer Charles E. O'Neill, submitted today: Costs and fines by probationers, $1,623.11; received from the Allegheny county work house, $416, of this amount $346.85 was paid to the wives of the defendants. A balance of $72.15 was turned over to the county poor board; returned to discharged, probationers, $64 | 85.

This time last year there were 26 persons on probation and since then 13 were received. Six were paroled from the Allegheny county work house, making a total of 15. Only one was sentenced for violating the terms of probation and for other causes. Two escaped. At the present there are 28 on probation.

MACHINIST INJURED

Byron Rhodes Thrown from Overhead Bucket to Floor of Shop.

Byron Rhodes of Leisenring avenue suffered painful injuries at the Connellsville Manufacturing & Mine Supply Company plant on the West Side last Friday when thrown from an overhead bucket into a pile of sharp steel bars. His hands were severely lacerated and his hip injured.

Mr. Rhodes and another workman *were being hoisted* aloft in a bucket when the engine jerked the rope causing the bucket to tip over. His companion escaped by clinging to the bucket but Mr. Rhodes lost his balance and fell to the floor of the shop. His injuries, though not serious, are extremely painful.

WILL GO WEST.

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Veteran is in Search of Better Health.

Charles L. Kline, a veteran Baltimore & Ohio railroad conductor of Brunswick, Md., who is visiting his sister, Mrs. Ellsworth Seydle, at Dunbar, has planned to go west for the betterment of his health, which has been poor during the last four years. Physicians have advised that Mr. Kline enter a hospital in the hope that medical treatment may improve his condition.

Mr. Kline's father Henry J. Kline, and his brother, William Kline, of Luray, W. Va., visited their sick relative in Dunbar some time ago.

FIERCE SNOW STORM.

Telephone Wires Are Down Over the Mountains East of Grafton.

By Associated Press.

GRAFTON, W. Va., Dec. 7.—A terrible snow and hailstorm swept the mountains between Grafton and Cumberland during the night. It was of such fury that practically every telegraph and telephone wire east of this city was broken down.

Two hundred linemen are at work in an effort to restore communication between points east and west of Grafton.

River Rising.

The Youghiogheny river is rising rapidly.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

Unsettled tonight and Tuesday with rain in south; rain or snow in north, is the noon weather forecast.

The Temperature.

	1914	1913
Maximum	43	68
Minimum	36	50
Mean	44	59

The Yough river rose from 2.30 to 2.50 feet during the night.

CONGRESS IS AGAIN IN SESSION; TO HEAR MESSAGE TOMORROW

After Six Weeks' Respite Nation's Legislators Reassemble.

MUCH BUSINESS ON SCHEDULE

Cotton Relief Plan to be Considered, Waterways Bill, Woman Suffrage, Plan for National Prohibition and Appropriation Measures to Come Up.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The sixty-third Congress reassembled today for its third and concluding session.

President Wilson will deliver his annual address, in person, tomorrow from the rostrum in the hall of the House before a joint session, outlining the administration program. Until that is fully disclosed, the work which will be undertaken during the comparatively few remaining days in the life of this Congress, which dies at noon March 4, remains undefined, except that the usual appropriation bills are likely to receive first and chief attention. Whether the sixty-fourth Congress, chosen at the November elections will be called in special session or will not assemble before another year no one can predict with certainty.

After six weeks of respite from legislative grinding, during which many participated in the political campaign members of both Houses assembled prepared to go on with the unfinished business left over the last session. That the general appropriation bills would be difficult to complete before March 4, if much other legislation were to intervene, was the concensus of opinion among leaders of both dominant parties. What circumstances may arise from the European war or changed conditions in Mexico may be the deciding influence in the meeting time of the next Congress with its new host of Republicans in the House.

With the falling of the gavels in both Houses today many legislators, some of them prominent figures for years in the political life of the nation, turned their faces toward private life, for this session of Congress is their last unless changing fortunes return them.

Senators Root of New York, Burton of Ohio, Perkins of California, Bristow of Kansas, Crawford of South Dakota, Stephenson of Wisconsin, all Republicans, and Thornton of Louisiana, and White of Alabama, Democrats, will go out of office at the end of the session.

In the House, Representative Underwood of Alabama, Hardwick of Georgia, and Broussard of Louisiana, are serving their last terms before their elevation to the Senate of the next Congress.

Among prominent House Democrats retiring are: A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania, a member of the Ways and Means Committee; Stanley E. Bowdle of Ohio, who will return the seat he took from former Representative Nicholas Longworth; Robert J. Bulkley of Ohio, John R. Clancy of New York, Robert E. Difenderfer of Pennsylvania, Jeremiah Donavan of Connecticut, Richmond Pearson Hobson of Alabama, Henry M. Goldfogle of New York, Charles A. Korbly of Indiana, Robert L. Lee of Pennsylvania, George A. Neeley of Kansas, Frank T. O'Hair of Illinois, who will yield back the seat he took from former Speaker Joseph G. Cannon, John J. Mitchell of Massachusetts, a member of the Ways and Means Committee; Edward W. Townsend of New Jersey, and many others. Of the Progressive organization in the House members who will be retired include the party leader, Victor Murdock of Kansas, M. Clyde Kelly, W. J. Hulings and Henry W. Temple, all of Pennsylvania; James C. McLaughlin of Michigan, and William H. Hinebaugh of Illinois.

Leaders on all sides look forward to interesting developments over the naval and army appropriation bills *because of agitation resulting from* the European war. Representative Augustus P. Gardner of Massachusetts has a resolution directing congressional investigation into the military preparedness of the United States for war.

The first calendar business before the House today was the cotton relief legislation urged by Representative Henry of Texas, and others, who almost prevented adjournment of the last session by insisting on it. The general understanding among members of both Houses was that President Wilson would press the bill for government purchase of ocean steamships; the measure to pave the way for ultimate independence of the Philippines, and the measures proposing a comprehensive plan of dealing with waterway improvement and conservation of natural resources.

A general waterway bill to establish a nation-wide system of broad scope, such as has been endorsed by a committee of the cabinet, will probably be urged.

Many other important subjects are pending. Included in the list is the rural credits bill prepared at the last session. There have been intimations that the measure might not be pressed at the short session, the view being that the federal reserve system should be given a chance to perfect itself before any other financial legislation should be undertaken. The immigration bill, which failed at the last session with its literary test, [illegible] will be held this evening at the Colonial Theatre at 7.30 o'clock.

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PERRYOPOLIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH RAISES $1,300

Entire Debt of $2,500 is Subscribed at Rededication Service; Big Increase in Sunday School.

At the rededication services of the Perryopolis Christian Church yesterday, $1,300 was subscribed and the church debt of $2,500 was completely covered. Among the largest contributors were M. M. Cochran of Uniontown, and A. M. Fuller of Perryopolis, who each gave $450. B. P. V. Larimer of West Newton, and O. S. Blair of Perryopolis, founders of the church, were unable to be present but they sent word that their subscriptions were be substantially increased.

The church was crowded to capacity at all three services and at Sunday school the enrollment was 162, compared with 80 at this time last year. *Pretty decorations of autumn leaves* and flowers added to the beauty of the church.

The new Sunday school room, which was opened for the first time yesterday, makes the Perryopolis Christian Church edifice one of the finest in that section. The addition is of frame, commodious and artistic.

Two new members were received into the church at the service yesterday.

NORTHEASTER RAGING

Storm Sweeping Coast From North Carolina to Maine.

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—A roaring northeaster today swept the Atlantic coast at 60 miles an hour from North Carolina to Maine.

Chief among the many wrecks cast upon the shore was an unknown warship with four funnels and a fighting top, which went ashore yesterday near Ocean City, Md. The identity of the vessel was hidden by a cloak of fog, but her desperate plight was manifested by continual shrieking of her whistle for help, which could not be given because of the high seas. The vessel was later released.

Lashed by the gale the ocean-battered down the seawall at Sea Bright, N. J., during the night and placed the town in imminent peril of destruction on the next high tide. Its streets were flooded, communication by rail was cut off, breakers were rolling over the chief thoroughfares and undermining the foundations of the principal buildings and there appeared every prospect that the damage would be great.

VILLA AND ZAPATA MEET

Mexican Generals Agree to Work Together Against Carranza.

By Associated Press.

MEXICO CITY, via El Paso, Tex., Dec. 7.—Generals Villa and Zapata met today at Xochimilco and after a conference announced publicly that they would work together and each would retire to private life when their work was accomplished.

George Carothers, special representative of the Washington State Department attached to General Villa's headquarters, and several of Villa's officers, previously had conferred with Zapata in an effort to persuade him *to come* to the capital. A serious hitch evidently had occurred.

Zapata was organizing his forces at Cuernavaca where the Villa delegation met him. After the conference today Villa said that his forces would begin immediately a vigorous campaign against Carranza. The forces of Villa and Zapata will enter Mexico City tomorrow.

SUFFERS A STROKE

Mrs. Mary Atkinson Found Unconscious by Child

Mrs. Mary Atkinson suffered a paralytic stroke Saturday morning about 11 o'clock at her home on North Prospect street. Mrs. Atkinson resides alone and Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock she was found lying in a helpless condition at the head of the stairs in the hallway by Sophia Sileox, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S Sileox, who had gone to the Atkinson home on an errand.

They notified the neighbors and a physician was immediately summoned. She is conscious and her condition is thought will not prove serious.

ACCUSES RAILROADS.

Constable Roland Says Piers at Leisenring a Menace.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 7.—In the returns of William Roland, constable of Dunbar township made this morning, an unusual charge is made against the O. & B. short line, the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and the West Penn Railways Company.

The three are charged with obstructing the road at Leisenring No. 1 with trestles and piers, rendering it dangerous to traffic. It is alleged that the road has been cut down in some places to 18 and to 8 feet.

HEAVY RAIN IN WEST

Frisco Auto Party Encounters Muddy Roads in Missouri

After traveling through mud up to the axle of their automobile, the Frisco party reached St. Louis, Mo., Friday, according to a letter received here today.

The entire state of Missouri was visited by heavy rains last week and the river bottom lands were the worst the tourists encountered. Despite the bad condition of the roads the party experienced no machine trouble.

The party left St. Louis Saturday for Kansas City.

Dress Rehearsal.

The final dress rehearsal of "The Telltale Step" will be held this evening at the Colonial Theatre at 7.30 o'clock.

LODZ AGAIN IN HANDS OF THE GERMANS

Russians Admit That Situation There is Desperate.

WARSAW ONCE MORE MENACED

Russians Will Center Efforts on the Protection of Northern Poland and Invasion of Hungary Which is Regarded as a Weak Point of Teutons.

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—A comparison of the reports from Berlin and Petrograd leads to the belief that the Germans again occupy Lodz from which they were driven on their first retreat from Warsaw. Berlin makes positive announcement that Lodz is in *their hands while Petrograd admits* that the situation there is desperate.

If the fall of the city is a fact it indicates that communication with Warsaw is menaced but a semi-official statement from Petrograd declares that the Russians are strong enough to hold the invaders in Northern Poland and will be content with doing this while devoting their main energies to the reduction of Cracow and the invasion of Hungary.

Hungary, according to reports from the Russian capital, is the weak point in the armor of the Teuton allies. These messages from Petrograd say that even as early as the time of the fall of Lemberg Austria asked Russia for terms of peace. The negotiations to this end, if any took place, apparently proved abortive.

On the water some more activity has been noted, resulting in the reported destruction of Turkish auxiliaries in the Black Sea by Russian submarines and the crippling by a mine of the famous Turkish cruiser Hamidieh, which is said to have reached Constantinople with considerable difficulty.

Latest reports from Montenegro and Servia indicate that these Balkan allies are holding the Austrians in check.

Diplomatically, interest is centered on Rome where the statement of former premier Giolitti that Austria planned war against Servia in 1913 has caused a sensation.

LODZ IN POSSESSION OF GERMANS, BERLIN SAYS

By Associated Press.

BERLIN, Via wireless to London, Dec. 7.—The German official statement given out in Berlin this afternoon says that in Northern Poland German forces were successful in prolonged fighting around Lodz in defeating strong Russian forces stationed to the northwest and to the southwest of this city. The announcement follows:

"No special reports have been received from the western theatre of the war nor from the region to the east of the plain of Mazurian lakes.

"In Northern Poland we gained important successes in prolonged fighting around Lodz by defeating strong Russian forces stationed to the northwest and to the southwest of this city. Lodz is in our possession.

"Details of the battle giving us Lodz cannot yet be made public because of the extended field over which the engagement was fought. The Russian losses were very large. An attempt by the Russians to come to the assistance of their threatened armies in the north and Northern Poland was foiled by the activity of the Austro-Hungarian and German troops in the district southwest of Plotzkow."

GERMANS DESTROY OLD MONASTERY; THREE KILLED

By Associated Press.

PARIS, Dec. 7.—A dispatch from Petrograd says:

"The Germans have *destroyed* the monastery of Lenozyca, about 15 miles northwest of Lodz, which has been in existence for a thousand years, on the pretext that the ringing of the Angelus was a signal to the Russians.

"In the attack a priest and two monks were killed."

TWO SWEDISH STEAMERS ARE SUNK BY MINES

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—A message from Stockholm states that the Swedish steamers Luna and Evernida struck mines off the Finnish coast and that both sank.

The crew of the Luna was saved but all seamen on the Evernida except one man was lost.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK BY GERMAN TRANSPORT

By Associated Press.

VALPARAISO, Chile Dec. 7.—The British steamer Charcas from New York October 1, has been sunk at sea off Port Corral Chile by the German transport Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

The crew of the Charcas have been landed at Papudo, 45 miles north of Valparaiso.

BALKAN STATES REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH ALLIES

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Progress has been made toward an understanding in the Balkan states which will be

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SOCIETY.

Missing Meeting

The regular meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the First Methodist Episcopal Church will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Mary S. Horner on West Apple street. All members who have not turned in their Quilt, offering are requested to do so at the meeting tomorrow.

Will Entertain Needleworkers.

Mrs. Herbert Simmons will entertain the West Side Needleworkers Thursday evening at her home on Morrell avenue, Greenwood.

Annual Bazaar and Supper.

The annual bazaar and chicken and waffle supper held by the Ladies' Aid Society and the King's daughters of the Trinity Lutheran Church will be held Thursday and Friday evenings in the dining-room of the church. The King's Daughters will be in charge of the bazaar and all kinds of fancy work will be on sale. The Aid Society will as heretofore have charge of the supper.

C. L. Club to Meet.

Miss Mae Mosley will entertain the C. L. Club tomorrow evening at her home on Baldwin avenue.

G. I. A. Auxiliary.

The regular meeting of the Grand International Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers will be held Wednesday afternoon in Odd Fellows Hall.

Will Elect Officers.

The annual election of officers will take place at the regular meeting of the Ladies' Circle No. 190 to the Grand Army of the Republic to be held Thursday afternoon in Odd Fellows' Hall. A large attendance is desired.

Trinity Lutheran Meetings.

The Daughters of Ruth Bible Class of the Trinity Lutheran Church will meet tomorrow evening at the home of Miss Pearl Keck on East Fairview avenue.

The Children's Mission Band will hold its regular meeting Saturday afternoon in the church.

King's Daughters Meet

The monthly business and social meeting of the King's Daughters of the First Presbyterian Church was held Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. W. Fitz on North Sixth street, West Side. Refreshments were served.

C. E. Society Will Meet.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Methodist Protestant Church will meet Friday evening at the home of Carroll Souder on East Main street.

J. T. Girls to Meet

Misses Anna and Catherine Pettit will entertain the J. T. Girls tomorrow evening.

Y. M. C. A. Auxiliary.

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Young Men's Christian Association will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Carnegie Free Library. A tea will be held in connection with the meeting.

Presbyterian Meetings.

The Sunday school class of the First Presbyterian Church taught by Miss Margaret Cox, will hold a Christmas bazaar and cake sale Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Dufino building. The regular business and social meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society will be held Thursday evening at the home of Miss Anna Rea Thompson on East Washington avenue.

Bible Class Will Meet.

The Anna M. Nefi Bible Class of the First Presbyterian Sunday school will meet this evening at the home of Mrs. G. D. Albrecht, 708 Vine street. A large attendance is desired.

J. O. C. Society to Meet.

The J. O. C. Society of the First Methodist Episcopal Sunday school will meet tomorrow evening at the home of Mrs. Ralph McCormick, 115 South Prospect street. All members are invited.

I. C. Club to Meet.

The I. C. Musical and Literary Club will meet Friday evening in the parlors of the school.

Goodfellowship Class to Meet.

Goodfellowship Class of the United Brethren Church will meet Friday evening, December 18, at the home of Mayes Redstein, Dunbar, instead of Friday, December 11.

Birthday Dinner.

Mrs. Rockwell Marietta was honored guest at a charmingly appointed dinner given Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. McClintock on Sycamore street. Covers for 20 were laid. Several delightful musical numbers were rendered by Ray McClintock.

KICKS ON GAS PRICE

Mount Pleasant Wants Fuel Reduced Five Cents a Thousand.

Special to The Courier.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Dec. 7.—Borough council at their regular monthly meeting to be held this evening, will likely ask the Fayette County Gas Company to live up to their franchise and reduce the price of fuel from 30 cents per thousand cubic feet to 25 cents, the maximum allowed in the ordinance.

When the company was permitted to supply the town with gas, the rate was fixed at 20 cents per thousand feet for private consumers. Later it was raised to 25 cents and then to 30 cents.

The contention has been stirred up by citizens and members of council have been urged to act in the matter. At present Mount Pleasant consumers pay 30 cents but are allowed a rebate of 2½ per cent, if paid within 10 days.

Child's Ankle Broken.

Lucille Boor, of Connellsville, 15 years old, fell from a porch yesterday and suffered a fracture of the right ankle. She was admitted to the Cottage State Hospital for treatment. Regis Reedline, of Connellsville, 3 years old, was operated on for throat trouble.

Connellsville Wins.

Connellsville and Scottdale All-Stars clash a second in the mud at Fayette Park on Saturday afternoon in an attempt to play football. Connellsville scored two touchdown and won 12 to 0.

Handpainted China Display.

Miss Gertrude Sola on will have a display and sale of handpainted china at about Dec. 15 on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday.—Adv.

PERSONAL.

Solsom Theatre today—"His Uncle's Will;" "Dot's Elopement;" Universal Boy in "Cupid and the Fishes." Fine bill. Five and 10 cents.—Adv.

Mrs. Corinne Van Kirk Borland of McKeesport, returned home yesterday after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Snyder.

Mrs. Charles Wolfe and daughter, Miss Elsie saw "Pom Pom," at the Nixon Theatre, Pittsburg, Saturday.

Mrs. Clara Davies is visiting relatives in Pittsburg.

Rev. A. E. Fletcher of Pittsburg, and Rev. George Sheppard of Washington, Pa., are the guests of Rev. W. H. Gladden of Greenwood today.

Contractor S. J. Horry is at Washington, Pa., on business.

Hand padded coat fronts and collars, hand made buttonholes and all seams sewed with pure silk thread, are only made by Dave Cohen, Tailor for $18 or $36 the suit.—Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin King of Scottdale, were in town last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Stillwagon went to Morgantown this morning to visit relatives.

Mrs. George Malloy, Mrs. Catherine McDermott, and Mrs. Anna Noonan of Mount Savage, Md., returned home this morning after a visit with relatives here. They were called here by the death of Mrs. Malloy's brother, Jacob L. Dull.

Paul Baker is in Pittsburg today on business.

Mrs. W. A. Davidson is visiting in Pittsburg today.

Mrs. I. B. Bruller of Scottdale, was in town Saturday.

Mrs. J. D. Perry of West Peach street, is the guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Perry of Morgantown.

Miss Rebecca Campbell and Miss Ida Sipe, the latter of Mill Run, spent the week end with relatives in Uniontown.

Miss Gertrude Reid has returned home from Morgantown, where she was the guest of Miss Elizabeth Huston.

Misses Lilith and Ruth Collins of Uniontown were the guests of friends here yesterday.

Alderman Fred Munk was a business visitor in Uniontown this morning.

Walter Dull of New York City, who was here attending the funeral of his brother, Jacob L. Dull, returned to his home this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Conlon left for New York today, where they will visit a relative of Mrs. Conlon.

Worth Kilpatrick will leave this evening for Philadelphia on a business trip.

Miss Anne White of West Peach street has returned home from a visit with Judge and Mrs. R. E. Umbel of Uniontown. Yesterday Mrs. Umbel and daughter Miss Margaret, were guest of Dr. and Mrs. T. H. White, parents of Mrs. Umbel.

Dr. H. D. Barnes, has recovered from a severed weeks illness of bronchial pneumonia.

Mrs. Mary Finnegan and Mrs. Katherine Wilhere of Pittsburg, were called here by the death of Joseph T. Dixon.

PRIZES DISTRIBUTED

Vanderbilt Students Get Awards for Fancy Work

At the regular meeting of the Saturday Afternoon Club of Vanderbilt held Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. James Reed at Vanderbilt, prizes in the fancy work contest in which pupils of room No. 6 of the Vanderbilt schools were entered were awarded.

Miss Mary Lewis and Miss Helen McLaughlin tied for the first prize and each was given 75 cents. The second prize, 50 cents, was awarded to Miss Camilla Baker. The several other contestants were each given 25 cents. Later a prize will be given to the room having the best collection of flowers. Rooms No. 4, 5 and 6 are entered.

WRECK ON B. & O.

Seventeen Mile Grade Tied Up; Passenger Trains Detoured.

A freight wreck Sunday on the 17 mile grade between Grafton and Cumberland, necessitated four main line Baltimore & Ohio passenger trains to be detoured via Connellsville.

The service between Grafton and Cumberland was tied up for a period of 10 hours. All freight was delayed until the tracks were cleared. No one was injured.

Frank Williams.

Frank Williams, colored, about 60 years old, died this morning at the Cottage State Hospital, where he had been a patient since October 17. The body was taken charge of by Funeral Director J. E. Sims and prepared for burial. Deceased was an H. C. Frick Coke Company pensioner.

Sick Headache.

Sick headache is nearly always caused by disorders of the stomach. Correct them and the periodic attacks of sick headache will disappear. Mrs. John Bishop of Roseville, Ohio, writes: "About a year ago I was troubled with indigestion and had sick headache that lasted for two or three days at a time. I doctored and tried a number of remedies but nothing helped me until during one of those sick spells a friend advised me to take Chamberlain's Tablets. This medicine relieved me in a short time." For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

Holiday Gifts.

When you have decided to whom you wish to present Holiday Gifts, just take the list of names to the Citizens National Bank, 138 Pittsburg street, and deposit the money, asking for a separate passbook for each name on your gift list. Then present the bank books to your friends. This is a sensible way of giving gifts. One dollar or or more accepted for each account.—Adv.

Notice to K. of C.

Members of Youghiogheny Council 918 K. of C. are requested to assemble in the K. of C. Hall Title & Trust building, Tuesday morning, December 8 at 8:30, to attend the funeral of Brother Joseph T. Dixon.—Adv.

One Cent a Word.

for classified advertisement. Try them.



RED TAG SALE!



WOMEN'S, MISSES' and CHILDREN'S SUITS and COATS

Beginning Tuesday Morning, Dec. 8th,

FEBRUARY PRICES THUS EARLY IN DECEMBER

We've decided to clean out our entire stock of Suits and Coats, if low prices will accomplish it. We are making NOW the very radical reductions that this store has always made in February. By doing this, you gain two months of wear of any suit or coat you may select. We positively guarantee the garments offered are lower in prices, quality considered, than any offered in Western Pennsylvania. We sacrifice all profit, and in some instances much of cost to make this a quick and thorough clean-up of all our Suits and Coats. This a genuine sale of strictly up-to-date models of this season's best styles. Come while assortments are at the best. You'll not be disappointed.

WOMEN'S AND MISSES' SUITS AWAY UNDER PRICE

Economical people should take advantage of the following offerings in tailored suits. At these prices you generally look for bargains in February. Here they are two months in advance.

Women's and Misses' Tailored Suits.

Strictly all-wool material in long and short coat models, are nicely finished, coats are satin lined, prices have been up to $16.50. Red Tag Sale..... Don't judge these by the small price. **$10**

Women's and Misses' Smart Suits.

Representing some of the best selling numbers we've shown this season. Beautiful materials made up in this season's best and most favored models. Prices have been up to $27.50. Red Tag Sale **$15**

Women's and Misses' Stylish Suits.

Made in this season's best styles, of broadcloths, serges, poplins and cheviots, are faultlessly tailored and are shown in black and all colors. Prices have been up to $22.50. Red Tag Sale.... **$13.75**

Women's and Misses' Best Suits.

The finest shown by us this season, made of imported materials, velvets, broadcloths, poplins, gabardines and crepes, are splendidly tailored and have been priced up to $40. Red Tag Sale..... **$21**

Fill Your Silk Wants for Years to Come at Our Silk Sale Starting Tomorrow A. M.



Millinery

All silk velvet shapes, many very stylish models to select from, some are our best selling numbers and have been priced up to $1.98. Sale price **98c**

TRIMMED HATS

A beautiful assortment of rich velvet shapes, in black and colors, elegantly trimmed with ostrich plumes and other up-to-date trimmings, the plumes are worth more than the price, values up to $8.00, sale price **$2.95**

Women's and Misses' Coats

Here's your one grand opportunity of securing a stylish coat for very little money. Come at once for at these prices they will go quickly.

Misses' Coats in a fine assortment of styles and colorings, values up to $7.50. Red Tag Sale **$3.95**

Women's and Misses' Coats, in stylish models, strictly all-wool materials and fine colorings, values up to $8.75. Red Tag Sale **$5.00**

Women's and Misses' Coats, wonderful values and formerly priced up to $12. Red Tag Sale **$7.50**

Women's and Misses' Coats, high grade materials and splendidly tailored, values up to $16. Red Tag Sale **$10.00**

Children's Coats

All coats that were $2.50, $2.75, and $3.00. Red Tag Sale **$1.95**

All coats that were $3.25, $3.50, $3.75 and $4.00. Red Tag Sale **$2.49**

All coats that were $4.25, $4.50, $4.75 and $5.00. Red Tag Sale **$3.49**

All coats that were $5.50, $6.00, $6.50 and $7.00. Red Tag Sale **$3.98**

All coats that were $7.50, $8.00, $10 and $12. Red Tag Sale **$5.00**



THE E. DUNN STORE CUTHBERTSON & ROE,

CONNELLSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA.

DEATHS.

Funeral of W. S. Schenck.

Men prominent in Baltimore & Ohio railroad circles and scores of other friends and relatives attended the funeral of Winfield Scott Schenck held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Christian Church. It was the largest funeral held in Connellsville in recent years. The auditorium and Sunday school room were crowded, many persons remaining standing during the services.

Rev. C. C. Buckner, pastor of the Christian Church of which the deceased was a member, and Rev. J. L. Proudfit, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiated. Rev. Buckner delivered the sermon, in which he paid the highest tribute to the deceased. Appropriate music was rendered by Miss Martha Eaton, Miss Mildred Miller, John Davis and Edward Mason. The floral tributes were numerous and unusually handsome.

The active pallbearers were A. W. Bowman, W. H. Showman, J. L. Kurtz, Robert Norris, Joseph McCormick and P. H. Keighley. J. R. Bailey, J. L. Gans, Henry Kurtz, A. C. Gilmore, W. D. Colborn, C. D. Baer, John Robinson and H. G. Blair were the honorary pallbearers. Interment in Hill Grove Cemetery.

Funeral of Mrs. Rouch.

Rev. W. J. Everhart, pastor of the United Brethren Church, officiated at the funeral of Mrs. Robert Rouch held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence on North Seventh street, West Side. The services were largely attended. Scott Soisson, Walter Taylor, Robert Shives and John Davis served as pallbearers. Interment in Hill Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Gray

Mrs. Mary Gray, 64 years old, wife of James Gray, died yesterday morning at her home at Dunbar following a brief illness. Funeral from the house tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock with Rev. T. M. Gladden, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church, officiating. Interment in Hill Grove cemetery.

Death of Infant.

An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. John Dougherty died at the family residence on Morrell avenue, Greenwood. Interment today in Hill Grove cemetery.

Infant Dies.

Robert Dilks, 25 was found dead partly under a fence near his home at Tucker Run, near Dunbar, Saturday morning. Funeral from his parents' residence tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock—in addition to his parents two brothers and four sisters, survive.

VIEWERS, FIX DAMAGES

Dunbar Township Farmers Paid For Damage Caused by Road

Special to The Courier.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 7.—By a report submitted at the opening of the December term of criminal court, this morning, Rose O. McClarney and Annie Karney, were awarded $150 and $650 respectively against Dunbar township for damages to their properties. A new road was cut through their land by the township supervisor last spring. The following served as viewers on the case: J. V. E. Hibbs, Lee Smith, W. H. Binns. The first case to be called before Judge Robert E. Umbel was that of William Warman, who faces trial on a triple charge of larceny, adultery and robbery. Warman is alleged to have jumper the bail bond furnished by his mother in 1910 and managed to keep clear of officers until recently when he was located in Pittsburg. The case of W. O. Corbin against Martin Bolbar was continued owing to a death in the family of the defendant.

Mika Buckwish, accused of adultery, entered a plea of guilty before the grand jury, as did Nick Buchon also connected with the case. Michael P. Hill was refused a new trial by the court. Hill was tried for abortion and found guilty at the last term of court. Miss Clara Smith was prosecutor in the case. Court opened with both Judge Robert E. Umbel and Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen on the bench. The returns of the constables were accepted. Judge Umbel delivered the charge to the jury.

FOUR STORK VISITS

Two Boys and Two Girls Added to City's Population

In the last two days four Connellsville homes were made happy by visits by the stork. Saturday night a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Aaron on Race street. It is the first boy in the family.

A son was also left at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Shank, while at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. James O'Hara on Water street, and Mr. and Mrs. Walters King, S. Pittsburg street, a little daughter was left at each.

Has Typhoid Fever.

Miss Isabelle Smith a student nurse at the Uniontown hospital, is ill of typhoid fever at the home of her parents Mr and Mrs. T. J. Smith on North Main street, Greenwood.

It Will Pay You

To read our advertising columns.

Hour Sale!



Wednesday, Dec. 9th, from 2 to 3 P. M.

One $1.50 Cedar Mop.
One 25c can Cedar Oil.

$1.00

ANDERSON-LOUCKS HARDWARE CO.,
116 W. Main St.

ADMITS FIRING SCHOOL

Mount Pleasant High School Boy Says He Wanted Vacation.

Special to The Courier.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Dec. 7.—Marion Sheppard, aged 15, a freshman in the high school was taken to the county jail at Greensburg, Saturday morning by Constable James Ellis, after having confessed to setting fire to the high school building Thursday evening because he is alleged to have said, "I wanted a short vacation."

The boy also confessed to having set fire to the clothing store conducted by William Rakusin and admitted robbing the Morrison candy store. The lad is said to have spent much time reading cheap literature. The lad's parents are living and are among the most respectable people of their neighborhood.

Card of Thanks.

The wife, sisters and brother of the late Grant Nickel, wish to thank the friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness during his illness and for the kindness of assistance and floral tributes after his death. They are especially grateful to the ministers and the choir for their services at the funeral.—Adv.

The Olympic and Empire Theatres

WILL OPEN MONDAY, DEC. 7

under the management of E. J. Buttermore

The following Program will appear in each house NEXT WEEK

OLYMPIC
PITTSBURG STREET

Box Office Attraction Co. of New York Presents
THE WINNER
Picturesque three acts feature dramatizing an absorbing love story of the plains.

TUESDAY
Electric Film Co. Presents
The Pathe Players in
ALL LOVE EXCELLING
in three parts.
An absorbing tale of a tender passion.

WEDNESDAY
Box Office Attraction Co. of New York Presents
THROUGH NIGHT TO LIGHT
A three-part feature portraying an emotional domestic drama

THURSDAY
20th Episode
MILLION DOLLAR MYSTERY

FRIDAY
Box Office Attraction Co. of New York Presents
THE STORM OF LIFE
picturizing a realistic story of the sea in 3 parts

SATURDAY
World Film Corporation
Presents
JESS OF THE MOUNTAIN COUNTRY
in four parts.
A novelty feature with an all-star juvenile cast.

NEW EMPIRE
PITTSBURG STREET

Presents
THE TOLL OF CRIME
in four parts.

TUESDAY
Electric Film Co. Presents
The Pathe Players in
BUNGLING BUNKS BUNCO
A rip-roaring wild animal comedy in 3 acts.

WEDNESDAY
Electric Film Co. Presents
The Pathe Players in
THE LAST VOLUNTEER
A stunning and word drama of European warfare in 5 acts.

THURSDAY
Electric Film Co Presents
The Pathe Players in
THE WOMAN WITHOUT A HEART.
Dramatic portrayal of a woman's duplicity.

FRIDAY
THE CHARLOTTE STREET MYSTERY
A thrilling detective drama in three parts.

SATURDAY
NOT GUILTY
Featuring Dr Davis Royds

FOR THE WORKINGMAN
SOUTH CONNELLSVILLE
LOTS ARE BARGAINS.

PROPERTY OWNERS APPEAL FROM THE HIGH ASSESSMENT

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held down to 20 mills, it would take 33 per cent of the income to pay the taxes alone.

The first case taken up this afternoon was the appeal of the Wells-Mills Electric Company from a valuation of $25,000 represented by Attorney H. George May, who claimed consideration because the Wells-Mills Company removed an eyesore by erecting a nice building on South Pittsburg street. Mr. May said that the property was assessed higher than other manufacturing plants. The property fronts 159 feet on Pittsburg street. On a question of Councilman Wright, G. E. Albrecht explained that the manufacturing plant was in the basement of the building. The main floor is made up of a sales room, garage and repair shop. The principal business of the company is the repair and manufacture of electrical appliances.

Albert and Charles Weihe appeared in behalf of the Weihe trust, the Main and Pittsburg street property of which is assessed at $76,500. Charles Weihe expressed belief that the figure is too high, when other downtown properties are taken into consideration. Councilman Wright raised the question of advantage gained by the Weihe trust by fronting on two main streets but Mr. Weihe declined to indicate the difference between a corner property and the same property if not on a corner. Albert Weihe declared the property is not worth what its appearance indicates.

Charles eWihe complained of a $3,000 assessment against a Second ward property which he claimed was too high as compared with other properties in the vicinity. He added nothing to his written appeal.

J. Fred Kurtz appeared for the building owned by Kurtz, Kilpatrick & Stillwagon, at the corner of Main street and Meadow lane. He called attention to the fact that the property is assessed at $411 a front foot more than the John D. Frisbee property, just across the alley. He pointed out that the Frisbee building is more modern and is not fairly assessed. The Kurtz building is assessed at $11,000 for a 21-foot front while the Frisbee building with a 61-foot frontage is assessed at $76,500.

Although counsel appeared for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad which holds property under the name of the Schall Land & Improvement Company, appeared in the council room, it was agreed to let the company's appeal stand as set forth in the papers that have been filed. It was expected that considerable argument would be made over these assessments but counsel decided to let the matter go on to the board on the claims set forth in the written petition.

The hearing adjourned at 2:30 until tomorrow morning when appeals from the Second and Third wards will be heard.

THE YELLOW PERIL

Japanese Warnings.

The Japanese ... sought for ... truth, and their earliest known ... was the principle that their strength ... depended on a healthy stomach ... eat very little and practise "Jiu Jitsu" ... exercise from youth ... stomach is the center of the body from which radiates our vitality ... our fighting strength. ... the stomach turns the food we eat into nourishment for the blood ... and the nerves. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery refreshes and tones up the stomach walls ... the poisonous gases from the system.

The last day you start to take this reliable medicine impure germs and accumulations begin to separate in the blood and are then expelled through the liver, bowels and kidneys.

In place of the impurities the arteries and veins gradually get fresh vitalized blood and the action of this good blood on the skin means that pimples, boils, carbuncles, eczema, rash, acne and all skin blemishes will disappear. Then you must remember that when the blood is right, the liver, stomach, bowels and kidneys become healthy, active and vigorous and you will have no more trouble with indigestion, backache, headache and constipation.

Get Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery today at any medicine dealers. It's a powerful blood purifier, so penetrating that it even gets at the impure deposits in the joints and carries them out of the system.

It is not a secret remedy for its ingredients are printed on wrapper.

For free advice or free booklet on blood, write Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Free. Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser is sent free on receipt of 31 one-cent stamps to pay expense of wrapping and mailing only.—Adv.

DAWSON.

DAWSON, Dec. 7.—Misses Lucille and Melissa Gibson spent Saturday in Connellsville.

... Wurtz of Pittsburg was transacting business in town Saturday.

M. M. Cochran of Uniontown was a business caller here Saturday.

Mrs. R. D. Henry is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Seaton of Uniontown.

Miss Ruth Dailey of Vanderbilt was a recent Dawson caller.

... McDonald was a recent business visitor.

Miss Ruth McGowan was a Vanderbilt caller Saturday afternoon.

... of Pittsburg is spending a few days here.

Mr. ... Stouffer of Scottdale is spending a few days with relatives in town.

Mrs. ... has returned to her home in Pittsburg after spending a few days with friends here.

Mrs. ... Snyder is spending a few days with relatives in ...

Glass Plant Resumes.

The Tarentum Glass Company plant in Tarentum will resume operations in full Monday morning.

DR. J. CLIVE ENOS IS BADLY INJURED IN AUTO CRASH

Locomotive Strikes Car in Which He and Another Man Were Driving at Charleroi Yesterday.

Dr. J. Clive Enos and Mr. Tufling, both of Charleroi, had a narrow escape from death last night about 8 o'clock when an automobile in which they were driving was struck by an engine at a railroad crossing at Charleroi and hurled a distance of about 30 feet down the track. The engine was going at a rapid rate and the engineer gave the proper signal but the automobile being entirely enclosed with curtains, the occupants were unable to hear the whistle.

Dr. Enos suffered a fractured skull at the base of the brain and severe cuts of the body. Mr. Tufling escaped with slight injuries. Dr. Enos was hurriedly removed on a special street car to the Allegheny Hospital, Pittsburg, for treatment. The attending physician, despite the seriousness of his injuries, have hopes of his recovery. As yet they are unable to determine whether an operation will be necessary.

Dr. Enos is a son of the late Dr. J. B. Enos, who for many years was a well known practising physician of Connellsville. He is a nephew of Mrs. Henry Kurtz of Connellsville.

MOUNT PLEASANT

Special to The Courier.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Dec. 7.—The ladies of the United Brethren Church held an ingathering at the local church on Friday afternoon. The committee in charge was Mrs. R. M. Loar, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Isora Pershing, Mrs. G. G. Weimer and Mrs. Laura Zundell.

Four hundred and six attended the Rally Day services at the Methodist Episcopal Church yesterday morning. The program as arranged was carried out.

Memorial services of the local order of Elks was held according to their ritual in their rooms on Church and Main streets yesterday afternoon. The services were private.

The public meeting of the W. C. T. U., held in the First Baptist Church yesterday was well attended. The report given by Mrs. J. A. Uppergraff of the delegates from the national convention at Georgia, was well given and greatly enjoyed by the large crowd of persons there. Miss Anna Edwards gave a reading and the music was excellent.

A large number of school teachers from here attended the Westmoreland county teachers association meeting in Greensburg.

Mr. and Mrs. George Colborn and son returned to their New Kensington home yesterday after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Page.

J. R. Smith of Indiana, Pa., returned to his home on Saturday after a visit with friends here.

Mrs. E. T. Wissinger and daughter Miss Edna of Leechburg, are visiting friends here.

DUNBAR.

DUNBAR, Dec. 7.—Mrs. E. B. Gale was shopping in Connellsville Saturday.

Mrs. S. D. Lowe and C. B. Durbin of Pittsburg were business callers here Saturday.

The Ladies' Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of the Presbyterian Church gave an interesting entertainment Sunday evening.

Miss Birdie Kelly was calling on friends in Uniontown yesterday.

N. M. Scott of Tyrone is visiting his mother, Mrs. M. V. Scott, who has been ill at her home for the past month.

Miss Jean Herbert visited in Connellsville Sunday.

Mrs. John Storey and Mrs. Bell Crawford were the guests of Mrs. Emma Duncan of Leisenring street recently.

Harry Bonford was a business caller in Connellsville yesterday.

Mrs. Kathryn McWilliams visited her sister, Mrs. J. L. Junk Saturday, who has been sick for the past six weeks.

Mrs. Maria Bowman of Dunbar has returned home from Cleveland, O., where she visited her daughter, Mrs. R. E. O'Donnell and her sister, Mrs. Anna Buttermore. She had not seen her sister for 35 years.

Colonial Theatre, Dunbar, Pa. "The Coward's Revenge." Eight reels tonight.—Adv.

SMITHFIELD.

SMITHFIELD, Dec. 7.—Georges township is hauling the brick from the Baltimore & Ohio station here for the brick road they will build from the borough line on Water street to Ruhl, a distance of about one mile.

Postmaster A. J. Sutton is in receipt of a communication from a justice of the peace at Fairhaven, Allegheny county, Pa., in which he is asked to appear before him to answer a charge of violating the automobile law in that on a certain day near Fairhaven he exceeded the speed limit by driving his car at the rate of 32 miles per hour. The facts are that on that day Mr. Sutton was not within 50 or more miles of the place where the offense is alleged to have been committed. Mr. Sutton is in a quandary to know what to do about it.

Donaldson is Held.

Bruce Donaldson was held for court after a hearing before Justice Sherbondy at Normalville on a charge of stabbing Martin Pass.

Vapor Treatments for Cold Troubles

Are now used in all hospitals. The vapors carry the medication to the lungs and air passages without disturbing the stomach. When Vick's "Vap-O-Rub" Croup and Pneumonia Salve is applied over the throat and chest, these vapors—of Menthol, Thymol, Eucalyptol, Camphor, and Pine Tar—are released by the heat of the body. Usually the worst colds go in one night—croup in fifteen minutes. Vick's is fine for head colds, asthma, and catarrh, and is absolutely harmless. Three sizes—from 25c up.

VICK'S Croup and Pneumonia SALVE

LODZ AGAIN IN HANDS OF GERMANS

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satisfactory to the allies, according to an Athens correspondent who understands that a basis has been reached for a reapproachment between Servia and Bulgaria.

The British, Russian and French ministers have visited the Greek premier, the correspondent reports, and he says that the Greek newspapers declare that the visits concern proposals that Greece should assist Servia.

FRENCH CLAIM ADVANTAGE IN ARTILLERY DUELS

By Associated Press.

PARIS, Dec. 7.—The French war office gave out a statement this afternoon as follows:

"In the region of the Yser we continue to attack the few entrenchments still held by the enemy on the left bank of the canal.

"In the region of Armentieres and Arras as well as in the Oise territory, in the Aisne region and in the Argonne there is nothing to report except to refer in general terms to the superiority of our offensive.

"In Champagne our artillery on several different occasions has shown marked superiority over that of the enemy.

"There is nothing new in the east where the positions of preceding days have been maintained."

SERVIANS RESUME VIGOROUS OFFENSIVE WITH SUCCESS.

By Associated Press.

PARIS, Dec. 7.—A dispatch from Nish, Servia, reports that the Servians since the third have resumed a vigorous offensive.

They, on Friday, pursued the enemy's right wing as far as the river Kolubara and it was there that the Austrians abandoned four of their batteries.

SELFISHNESS AND HYSTERIA.

Little Talks on Health and Hygiene by Samuel G. Dixon, M. D., LL. D., Commissioner of Health.

One cannot say that selfishness is responsible for nervousness and yet unquestionably it is often a considerable factor in causing nervous ailments.

The self-centered individual who is continually thinking of his own comfort and who manifests annoyance over every trifle which interferes with his particular occupation or activity, is running a decided risk. With advancing age a marked degree of irritability is almost sure to follow.

If a selfish attitude is cultivated and consideration is demanded for individual whims without consideration for others, this readily grows to be little less than a mania. Our nervous systems are delicately adjusted and once the mind weakens its control it is apt to become a factor for pain and discomfort.

In the beginning many of the things which "get on our nerves" do not really distress us. We note them casually. With their repetition comes the selfish wish to have our individual comfort, considered without regard for general conditions. If we give way to this, the most trifling occurrences hold the possibility of causing infinite annoyance.

The greatest number of sufferers from nervous diseases are not as might be expected, overworked individuals, but are commonly enough, people who have little or nothing to do and for want of activity devote too much time to thinking of self.

It is common to hear some irritable individual say, "so and so gets on my nerves" and the very manner of the speaker has an equally irritating effect upon the unfortunate auditors. Nervous irritability and selfishness beget their like. They are contagious.

Let us be unselfish and avoid the spreading of this all too common complaint.

DICKERSON RUN.

DICKERSON RUN, Dec. 7.—L. H. Turner of Pittsburg was here Friday.

The Pittsburg & Lake Erie carpenters are building a new house over the pumping station which furnishes water for the Y. M. C. A. building. The well that furnishes the supply for the building on the hill is located just south of the new round house.

Charles T. Fields was a business caller at Uniontown Saturday.

Miss Marie Beatty of Scottdale was calling on friends here yesterday.

Miss Nola Lloyd spent Sunday visiting her parents at Flatwoods.

Mrs. Ida Livingston, who has conducted a boarding house here for the last few years, takes charge of the Y. M. C. A. dining room December 15.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mosely of Duquesne are spending a week here visiting relatives and friends.

Harry Strickler returned to his work at Uniontown today after visiting his parents here.

Thomas Donnelly of Connellsville spent Sunday evening with Dawson friends.

A special train passed through here Sunday morning, running over the Western Maryland railroad, carrying an opera troupe, composed of 85 people. It took four cars to carry the scenery, making a total of 10 cars. The run from Cumberland to Dickerson Run was made in two hours and 15 minutes. The troupe was traveling from Baltimore to Cincinnati where they show this week.

Quite a number of young folks attended the box social at Jefferson school house Saturday evening.

Mrs. David Pierce of Florence mines spent Sunday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lloyd at Flatwoods.

Do your Christmas shopping early.

Has Finger Amputated.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kerfoot of Fairview avenue, had the second finger of her right hand amputated at the Cottage State Hospital today.

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"SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS."

Harold Bell Wright, the author of "The Shepherd of the Hills," "The Winning of Barbara Worth," "The Calling of Dan Matthews" and "That Printer of Udells," has made, in collaboration with Elsbery W. Reynolds a dramatization of his most popular story, "The Shepherd of the Hills." The play has received an excellent production from Gaskill and MacVitty and Manager Robbins of the Soisson Theatre has secured the original cast and production for his theatre Tuesday, December 8.

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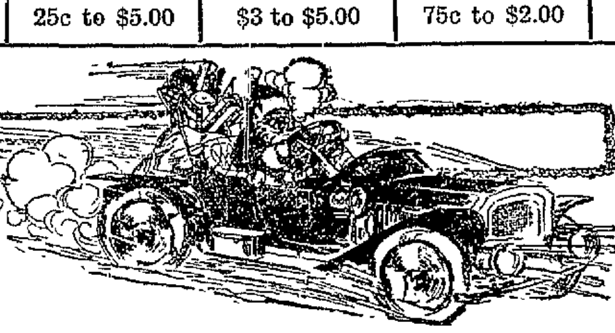
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MINING ACCIDENTS.

Notwithstanding the growth of the Safety First movement in mining circles, the report of the federal bureau of mines for 1913 shows that 3,951 men were killed in the mines and quarries of the United States during the year, and that approximately 100,000 were injured.

Dr. Joseph A. Holmes, director of the bureau of mines, believes that one-half these victims might have been saved if the operators, the miners and the state and federal governments had each and all done their full duty. Speaking for the bureau of mines of which he is the head, Doctor Holmes frankly says: "Owing to a lack of adequate funds, this bureau has fallen short of doing its full part in this great safety movement; and I, therefore, hesitate to criticise the shortcomings of any other agency."

It must not be forgotten, he continues, that mining is and always will be a hazardous industry, and that each year it will demand as its tribute to modern civilization a certain death roll. The inevitable cannot be avoided, but the unnecessary can be, and that would mean each year the lives of at least 2,000 miners spared to the nation's wage earners and to their wives and families, and a reduction to an extent of 30,000 to 40,000 in non-fatal accidents in the metallurgical industries of the country.

While the Pork Barrel was wide open at Washington, the Democratic administration seems to have economized at the expense of human life in the coal mines of the country. The orders have gone forth from the White House to cut public expenditures to the bone. We hope that there will be more economy in other departments and more expenditure in the bureau of mines. Economy there is akin to murder.

We venture the assertion that if all the mining districts of the country spent as much time and money and brains thought upon the matter of making their mines and operations safe from accidents as the operators of the Connellsville coke region have done, the proportion would be reduced below the estimate of the efficient director of the bureau of mines.

The Connellsville region has produced the most efficient and at the same time the most safe mining methods in the country. It is the home of mining progress and of the source of the slogan of Safety First.

WEST VIRGINIA'S QUANDARY.

West Virginia faces a deficit because of the drying up of its revenues from the liquor business, and there is much speculation as to how the deficit is to be met.

Proposals have been made to tax coal, oil and gas, but these are all objected to on the very reasonable ground that such taxes would be discriminations against home products offered for sale in open markets. West Virginia coal operators have all they can do now to meet Pennsylvania competition. They do not want the handicap of an internal tax. The oil industry is in much the same condition. The gas producers cannot raise the price of their gas any higher to the wholesale dealers because the latter have reached the breaking point with many domestic consumers. Besides, there is the standing reserve remedy of by-product gas.

West Virginia statesmen appreciate these conditions, and are looking for other things to tax. Failing to find them, they will have to levy a direct tax of upwards of ten mills to meet the expenses of government. This will bring the cost of Prohibition home to the people.

THE CRIME OF 1914.

The Democratic organs are reduced to the childish plea that it was a crime to spend so much money on the repair of the dam in Fayette county while so many persons at home and abroad are in distress.

Whatever virtue there may in the argument is utterly destroyed (1) by the fact that a Democratic party set a price on people and (2) that it is largely responsible for the suffering and distress among American workmen who are out of jobs by reason of the workings of the Democratic Tariff Law.

It is probable that the greatest crime the Republicans committed consisted in the very emphatic majorities they rolled up against the Democratic ticket.

The weather last week was disagreeable, but the rains were welcome to this section of the country where the water supply was becoming very poor. There are some things we must endure that good may follow. We can endure the rainy and disagreeable weather, but it is hard to understand why the country has to endure the Democratic party for two more years on any other hypothesis than it is a punishment for sins committed in the hot flush of young Progressive manhood.

Rough-housing the church is rough work which calls for rough retribution at the hands of the law.

The Pittsburg coal men have a boom story at last and the summer's accumulation of coal is going down the Ohio and Mississippi to market. It seems rather ridiculous that the Monongahela river should be navigable the year around and the Ohio should not.

When the Barefoot editors are not spitting venom they are chewing the rag. Since the election it's mostly rag.

That new revolutionist has risen in Northern Mexico. His name is Jose Yves Salazar. He makes no pretensions to statesmanship; as a general he was a failure, but as a bandit he has a record that ties with Villa's.

The county authorities have turned city prisoners loose on the ground that the county will not keep them unless the city pays for their keep. There seems to be a question of law involved in this matter, but it might be avoided by making the prisoners work out their own salvation on the streets or elsewhere.

Economy is the new slogan of the *Democratic administration.* It sounds like late repentance.

South Connellsville has competition in police protection. Better two policemen than none at all. While the controversy is being settled the citizens will be better protected than they ever were before.

President Younkin of the school board might slam the gas contract and at the same time enter his objections upon it at large. This would make the record complete and it wouldn't hurt the contract any. The contract is already made and is amply attested by the records.

A Welsh writer claims that the Welsh language was the language of the Garden of Eden and will be the language of Heaven. For Heaven's sake, we hope not.

The Magnolia cut-off is the fairest flower in the garden of B. & O. improvement.

Charlie Schwab is on his way over to England again. He may be taking these frequent sea voyages for his health, but there is a suspicion that he is taking them for the health of the Bethlehem Steel Company.

Carranza is playing the Caesar act. He is seizing everything in sight.

England's warships are being picked off one by one while Germany's fleet lies bottled up in Kiel harbor. Looks as if William was conserving his naval resources.

The Connellsville school directors have a proper modesty. None of them want to be president of the board. It's a clear case of the office seeking the man.

The News is getting most of its war news by mail. The Courier gets its war news daily by cable. The Courier *prints twice as much war news as* its contemporary and it is up to the minute; The News tells its readers what happened about two o'clock last week. The Courier is an up-to-date *alive newspaper;* The News is the boiler plate organ of a defeated, discredited and all but defunct political faction. We make these statements without malice. Our estreamed contemporary is one of the perennial joys of our existence.

A military authority says the United States needs more men to man her *coast defenses.* Another blow on the bung of the Pork Barrel.

E. Donaldson has returned after a brief sojourn in Somerset county. He was accompanied by a State Trooper.

Lawyers seem to be the only bidders at recent sheriff's sales, and if the public sale price indicated at such sales is a fair average the Connellsville assessments will have to come down.

The West Side seems to have some undesirable guests who pay unseemly calls at unseemly hours for unlawful purposes.

The cattle plague threatens to become an element in the high cost of living, but it is not the only one.

The very elements seem to have joined in the European war.

The Elks do not forget their dead brethren, in which respect they differ from the world in general.

A Uniontown minister says a butcher is nearly always a liar. So is a barefoot editor.

Germany is reported to be conquering Poland, but Poland is not Russia. Perhaps the latter fact helps the German advance.

THE CRUISER.

By GEORGE FITCH,
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The Cruiser is a predatory craft with a thin skin and a huge set of engines. It is built for the purpose of getting to places in a tremendous hurry and of removing from said places with even greater speed.

The Cruiser is built of steel and carries plenty of guns. However, they are not large guns. They are only large enough to tear an ocean liner in two at one shot—not large enough to be of any use in a real war. A battleship would bark once at a cruiser and then spend three days hunting for the remains. If it could get within reach. But the business of the Cruiser is to remain exceedingly aloof from the hostile battleship.

For this purpose the modern Cruiser is composed largely of engines. It can travel faster than a train on a railroad operated on a "safety first, speed nowhere" schedule. Thirty miles an hour is not fast for an agile Cruiser when it is headed for safety under full steam. Germany and England have Cruisers which are as large as battleships, and which travel thirty-five miles an hour. The Goeben is one of them. The entire English and French fleets hunted her up and down the Mediterranean, but she dodged the whole collection and is now placidly blowing up Russian gunboats under the Turkish flag.

The United States also has many Cruisers, but they do not travel thirty miles an hour. An American Cruiser is built for comfort, not for speed. It has always been the policy of the eminent fossils in charge of the American navy to build war vessels about five knots slower than the prevailing style abroad. This adds to their safety in making it impossible for them to catch up with a hostile vessel and provoke a fight.

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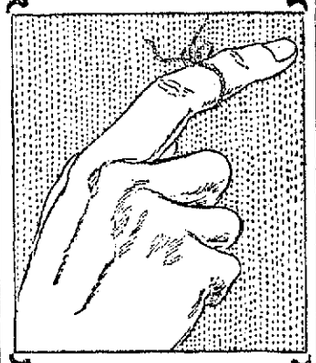
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Dr. Holmes Comments on High Death Rate in the Mines.

3,600 KILLED IN A YEAR

Number of Injured Not Tabulated, but Estimate Is 100,000; Points Out That Many of These Mishaps Are Avoidable if Proper Care Is Used.

That peaceful industry has its horrors as well as war is shown in the casualty list of American mines and quarries for 1913 issued by the United States Bureau of Mines. This list gives 3,651 men killed in the year. The number of men injured was not tabulated, but it is estimated that it reached 100,000.

Altogether in the coal mines, metal mines and quarries 1,018,010 men were employed, and the death rate for each 1,000 men engaged was 3.49, or nearly 3½ men.

Dr. Joseph A. Holmes, director of the Bureau of Mines, comes forward with the statement that, taking the hazards of the industry into consideration, this list of death and injury is excessive and unnecessary and a discredit to the industry and the country.

Commenting on the deaths in the mines Dr. Holmes said: "We stand aghast at the slaughter in Europe as reports reach us concerning the terrible war that is raging, and we pride ourselves on our freedom from war through the adoption of higher ideals and standards. Yet to me the report on the death in one year of 3,651 men engaged in a peaceful industry is quite as discreditable and when we consider that this record is being repeated year after year, the very thought of it becomes appalling. In the last three years, as far back as the records of the bureau covering certain branches of the industry go, the mines and quarries of the United States have swallowed up 10,4[illegible] human lives and have incapacitated temporarily probably a quarter of a million men. And the saddest part of all this is that a great part of the death toll and still a greater part of the injuries are not necessary. I believe I am conservative when I say that half of the 3,651 men killed in the year 1913 might have been saved and three-fourths of the 100,000 men injured in the same year might have escaped injury had all the various agencies involved, the operators, the miners, and the state and national government done their full duty in the matter. Perhaps no one of these agencies has done its full duty. The the Bureau of Mines, as representing the federal government, [illegible] owing to a lack of adequate funds the bureau has fallen short of doing its full part in this greatest safety movement, and I, therefore, hesitate to criticise the seeming shortcomings of any other agency.

"It is not to the credit of the United States that the very European countries embroiled in the greatest conflict of the ages kill in their mining industries but one-half or even one-third of the number of men we kill. I refer to the number killed for every 1,000 employed which is a fair basis for comparison. According to the latest foreign statistics Belgium killed one man in every 1,000, Great Britain and France one and one-half men, and Germany two and one-half men, as compared with the American death rate of three and one-half.

"With such a gruesome record as has the United States in its mining industry it is high time something more drastic is done to bring this excessive loss of life down to a basis that will be more favorably comparable with other countries. It can be done; it should be done, and I hope that the American people will see that it is done.

"Before the Federal Government began its attempts to aid in reducing the mortality of the mines, the death rate was steadily increasing and although every year coal mines grow deeper and more hazardous as with increasing depth the explosive gases increase, this increase in fatalities has fortunately been stopped and the rate is now being slightly reduced. But this is only a beginning of what I hope will soon be a much greater improvement. What we really aim to do is to aid in saving the lives of at least two men in every 1,000, of the three and one-half men per 1,000 now killed in our mining operations. In an industrial army of over 1,000,000 men working underground, that will mean a yearly saving of more than 2,000 lives, and in the combined mining and mineral industries, employing two and one-third million men, I hope we can aid in preventing 30,000 to 40,000 accidents each year.

"It must not be forgotten that mining is and always will be a hazardous industry and that each year will demand as its tribute to modern civilization a certain death roll. We cannot avoid the inevitable, but we can avoid the unnecessary, and that would mean each year the lives of at least 2,000 miners spared to the nation's wage earners and to their wives and families and a reduction to an extent of 30,000 to 40,000 in non-fatal accidents in the mining and metallurgical industries of the country. Surely this is something worth striving for."

Taken for Lunatic.

Robert Morton of Connellsville, taking the part of Richard Hamilton, is mistaken for a lunatic in "Next Door," which will be given at the Scottdale theatre, under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A., Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, the latter evening beginning at 8:30 o'clock on account of prayer meeting.

Mrs. Freeman Improves.

Mrs. Mary N. Freeman of East Francis avenue is a patient in the Pennsylvania hospital, Pittsburg. Her son, Roy, visited her yesterday and found her to be getting along very nicely.

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SCOTTDALE

Special to The Courier.

SCOTTDALE, Dec. 7.—Rev. James L. Hutchison of the Presbyterian Church, was absent from his pulpit on Sunday morning and evening being in another town, and he had Dr. Lawrence Keister, a United Brethren minister of this place, to preach for him on these two occasions.

WEATHER CHANGE.

The merchants were undoubtedly glad to see a change in the weather, colder weather bringing more stimulation to sale of clothing and shoes and unpicturesque overshoes, and even a few felt boots, while the colder air made a more Christmasy feeling. And it came in handy in another way, for the weather of the last few days was a breaking of the drouth and the rainfall and sleety weather of Saturday and Sunday meant filling streams, springs flowing once more, and wells filling up that had been very low and in some instances dry, for several weeks. The conditions in the country were bad along these lines, while it was feared that a hard freeze would come along and stop the flow of whatever water there might be. The Sunday morning storm was a bad one for Sunday schools, cutting the attendance down, and making plenty of tardy marks. Those that had to depend upon the street cars especially were many of them late on account of the sleet that covered the wires and rails and made the operation of the cars difficult.

TRAPPING POOR.

"The times have been putting trapping on the bum," said a 12-year-old youngster who was among those boys that every season earn an enormous handful of money catching muskrats, or as the boys call them 'mushrats.' The fall has been so warm that I 'spose the animals don't have any heavy fur," he went on, "and the fur buyers think this. Besides that people maybe are not buying furs when they need other things more. I had a price list from one of the fur houses and they said they will pay only about 35 to 40 cents for a muskrat skin when last year they paid 70 cents. An otter—and of course mighty few, maybe none are caught around this country, is worth about $11 when they were as high as $28 last year. It's hardly any use to trap this year, and there are not many boys who are going to trap either around here. Why, the fur people don't even say that they will give a fellow as much as they print in their list, they say they will give what the hides are worth. It looks as if the hunting and trapping business is going to be poor, and that fewer country school houses will smell so "musky" as usual during the winter.

EXCHANGE PULPITS.

Rev. G. L. C. Richardson, pastor of the Connellsville Methodist Episcopal Church, and Rev. H. S. Piper, pastor of the Scottdale Methodist Episcopal Church exchanged pulpits on Sunday. It was Woman's Home Missionary Day and the visiting minister preached on this subject saying that the society came into being during the reconstruction period following the Civil War to reach the women freed as slaves but still slaves to superstition, ignorance and sin, and how today the society's activities have broadened until 130,000 adults and young women and about 60,000 children are working for the winning of America for Christ.

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INDIAN CREEK.

INDIAN CREEK, Dec. 5.—George Arzbacher, Clem Funkhouser and Frank Stefudi of Mill Run are Connellsville visitors today.

Miss Olive Prinkey is calling on Connellsville friends today.

S. M. Hutchinson of Mill Run is transacting business in Connellsville and Uniontown today.

Clel Collins of McKeesport spent a few days with Mill Run friends.

Charles Keller and family who have been stranded at Roaring Run the past few days by a broken axle on their automobile, are still at that point awaiting repairs.

J. M. Illig was a business caller here today.

J. D. Slater of Mill Run is spending today with Connellsville friends.

H. I. Fisher left for his home in Wilkinsburg this morning to spend over Sunday with his family.

James Cox of Mill Run is a business caller in Connellsville today.

A. P. Ooeley left for Scottdale today to spend Sunday with home folks.

Mrs. W. P. Alguire left for Connellsville this morning and will spend Sunday among friends.

Joseph Crossland of Connellsville spent last night with friends at Indian Head.

Mrs. W. P. Miller spent last night with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Miller.

J. M. Stauffer and Charles F. Hood were business callers here this morning.

Joseph Illig is a business caller at Mount Braddock today.

Mrs. Bruce Miller and children left for Rogers Mill today and will spend over Sunday with friends.

The Yough river is still on the rise.

THE IDLE REPORTER

Human Interest Gossip Worth The Telling.

"Do you know," said the man who observes things closely, "it's always a queer proposition to me what a fascination amateur theatricals have for people—I mean for those who delight in taking part in them. I suppose it's some innate tendency to want to show off, but everywhere I've been I've found men in all walks of life who find the keenest delight in treading the boards once or twice a season. And there is lots of reason for it too, for there are many clever people in the amateur ranks who never had professional aspirations."

"Take for instance," he went on, "this little minstrel show the W. A. Bible Class of the First Presbyterian Church is going to give in the Colonial tomorrow night. I dropped in on their rehearsal the other night and I found men from every kind of business earnestly practicing the songs and jokes that are to make up the entertainment.

"In the chair of honor, announcing that 'Mr. Brown will sing this' or 'we will next hear from our golden-voiced tenor,' was R. C. Beerbower, who in the daytime superintends the working of the Davidson plant of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, directing the whole thing was John Davis, his mind off the management of a big insurance office for the present, over on one of the ends with a paper of jokes in his fist was C. F. Hirst, who lays out the streets for the city during the week and devotes his evenings to singing; busily practicing hitting his head with a bambo was I. F. Varitta, another insurance man; in among the tenors I saw W. R. Kenney, who is a big factor in the West Penn's lighting business; Charles Bailey, the grocer, was lending his voice to the bass parts; Edward Mason, apparently had forgotten the engineering problems of the H. C. Frick Coke Company for a time and was experimenting on bass harmonies; Dr. E. W. Douglas was learning how to rattle the bones, and there were a score of others just as earnestly working to make the thing a success.

"Aside from the fact that it's to be given for a worthy cause, young man," he concluded addressing the reporter, "you ought to write that thing up, for it's a human interest subject. Analyze the psychology of a man who does big things, serious things in the daytime to make his living, and goes around and practises for a minstrel show at night."

The reporter promised that he would. He did, and strange to say the city editor passed the thing along.

Mrs. McClain's Experience With Croup.

"When my boy, Ray, was small he was subject to croup, and I was always alarmed at such times. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy proved far better than any other for this trouble. It always relieved him quickly. I am never without it in the house for I know it is a positive cure for croup," writes Mrs. W. R. McClain, Blairsville, Pa. For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

CONFLUENCE.

CONFLUENCE, Dec. 7.—G. R. McDonald was among those who attended the funeral of W. S. Schenck in Connellsville today.

Borough Council will meet in regular session tonight.

Mrs. William Burnworth and daughters were shopping in Connellsville Saturday.

Jesse Walker left yesterday for New York where he will take a position with the McClintic-Marshall Company.

Harry Flanigan and H. P. Burnworth of Johnson Chapel were among the business visitors in town Saturday.

Clyde Welsh of Ohiopyle was visiting friends in town yesterday.

W. H. Caughenour, who has been ill for several months, and who lately returned from the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, is in a serious condition.

John Colflesh was here Sunday on his return from visiting his son, Roy, in the Cottage State Hospital, Connellsville, and reports him getting along nicely.

Miss Helen Fortney and brother, William have returned from a visit with friends in Morgantown.

John Hawke of Rockwood visited his family here over Sunday.

Mrs. C. Shipley and baby of Cumberland are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Fortney of near town.

Mrs. Lloyd Kurtz and children have returned from a visit with friends in Johnstown.

Orville Pike is a business visitor to Uniontown today.

William Null of Addison was here Saturday calling on friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watson of Connellsville were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Burnworth yesterday.

A. C. Jenkins of Addison was here on business Saturday.

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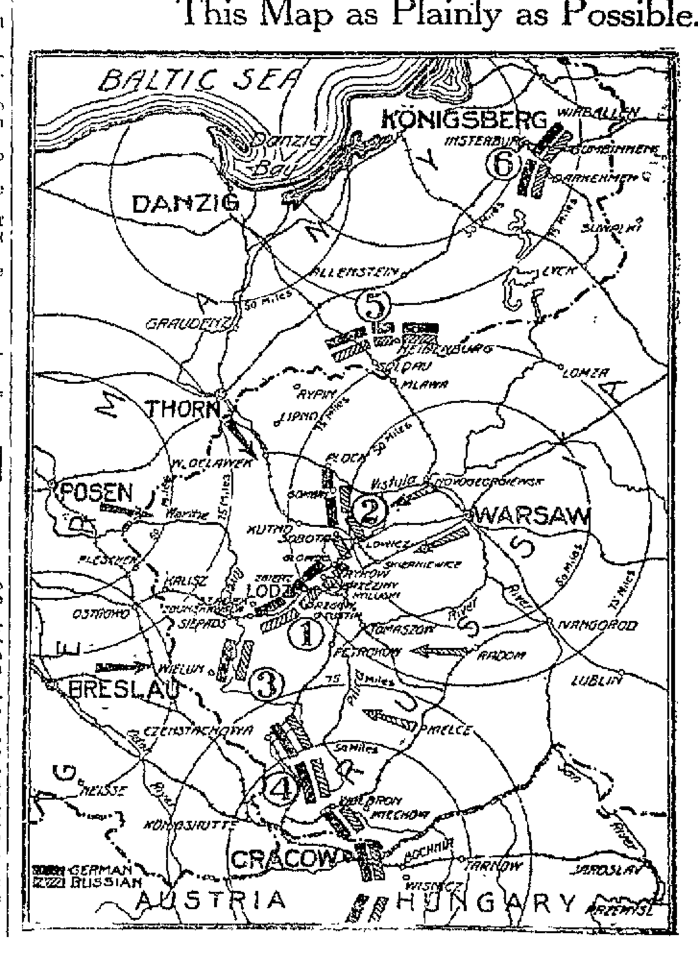
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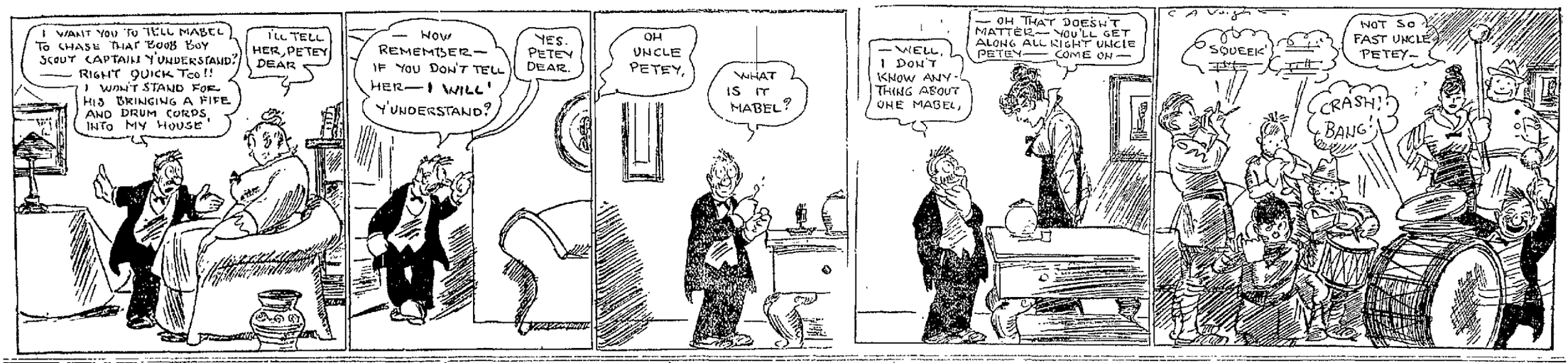
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PETEY DINK—There's Nothing Like Being in the Swim. By C. A. Voight.



BORE-HOLE LAW CONSTITUTIONAL, THE COURT HOLDS

Judge VanSwearingen Decides in Favor of Mine Inspector.

MINING METHODS ARE AFFECTED

Test Case Regarding Feature of Mining Law Which Had Not Been Generally Observed is Decided Operators Will Take the Case Higher.

Judge Van Swearingen on Tuesday handed down an opinion upholding the constitutionality of the law which requires mining operators of the Connellsville region to maintain bore holes in the face of the workings. Although this feature has been a part of the mining law for some years, it has not been generally observed by the Connellsville region to maintain bore holes that it was not necessary for the safety of the miners to maintain such bore holes. Good mining practice, the operators held, did not require such a method. They further maintained that the provision, if enforced, would greatly increase mining costs.

Mine Inspector P. J. Walsh of Connellsville began the test of the case by arresting I. T. Mullen, superintendent and I. H. Halbert mine foreman, of the Royal mine of W. J. Rainey company for failing to maintain bore holes ahead of the working face. The case was argued before the court without a jury.

Judge Van Swearingen supported the mine inspector and directed the defendants to enter pleas. Attorney E. C. Higbee, representing the operator, immediately took steps for an appeal from the decision to a higher court.

The full text of Judge Van Swearingen's decision is as follows:

The defendant is the mine foreman in charge of the workings of the Royal mine of the W. J. Rainey company, in Redstone township, Fayette county. The mine is a bituminous coal mine in which explosive gas is generated in dangerous quantities, that is, quantities sufficient to be detected by an approved safety lamp. The defendant was indicted for permitting miners employed in the mine to cut entries into the solid coal without keeping a bore hole drilled at least three feet in advance of the face of the work, and for permitting blasting in shot holes without a bore hole drilled three feet in advance thereof. It is conceded by the defendant that no bore holes were maintained in this mine, but it is contended by defendant's counsel that the defendant is not guilty of any crime under the law. The indictment grew out of a decision of one of the inspectors of the Department of Mines in Pennsylvania. The question at issue relates to the construction, application and validity of one of the rules of the bituminous mining law of the state and it has been agreed by counsel that the court shall hear and determine the issue involved as if the case were before the court in the form of exceptions to a decision of a commission appointed under Article 19 of the mining law sustaining the decision of the mine inspector. It has been agreed by counsel that if the court shall sustain the decision of the mine inspector the defendant will enter a plea of guilty on this indictment, but if not, then a nolle prosequi shall be entered.

The provision of the law out of which the case grows is Rule 18 of Article XXV of the Bituminous Mining Act of June 9, 1911, P. L. 756, which reads: "In the cutting of clay veins, spars or faults, entries or other narrow workings, going into the solid coal in mines wherein explosive gas is generated in dangerous quantities, a bore hole shall be kept not less than three feet in advance of the face of the work, or three feet in advance of any shot hole drilled for a blast to be fired in." The decision of the mine inspector under this rule was that a bore hole must be kept not less than three feet in advance of the face of the work, or three feet in advance of any shot hole drilled for a blast to be fired in, while cutting clay veins, spars or faults in any class of work going into the solid coal whether the working places be styled as wide or narrow, and that in entries or other narrow workings going into the solid coal a bore hole must be kept not less than three feet in advance of the face of the work, or three feet in advance of any shot hole drilled for a blast to be fired in even though clay veins, spars or faults are not being cut and are not known to be in the vicinity. The mine inspector held also that a dangerous quantity of gas is any quantity that can be detected by an approved safety lamp.

Counsel for the defendant call attention to the fact that the present mining law is a re-enactment and enlargement of the act of May 15, 1893, P. L. 73, which in turn was a re-enactment and enlargement of the act of June 30, 1885, P. L. 205. Rule 61 of Article XX of the act of 1893 was as follows: "In cutting of clay veins, spars or faults in entries, or other narrow workings going into the solid coal in mines where explosive gases are generated in dangerous quantities, a bore hole shall be kept not less than three feet in advance of the face of the work, or in advance of any shot hole drilled for a blast to be fired therein." Counsel aver that it was not the intention of those having charge of the revision of the law to change the meaning of Rule 61 of Article XX of the Act of 1893, by Rule 18 of Article XXV of the Act of 1911, but that the change in the wording of the rule was for the purpose only of having the rule read better grammatically, and some testimony to that effect was offered, but it is conceded by counsel that the rule as adopted is the law, and that if it be complete on its face, and has a clear and obvious meaning, it cannot be avoided on the ground that it is not as its authors intended it to be. "It falls within the province of the courts to correct a merely clerical error, even in an act of assembly, when as it is written it involves a manifest absurdity, and the error is plain and obvious. The cases in which this power has been exercised are collected in Endlich on Statutes, Sec. 313 and it is unnecessary to refer to them in detail. The power is undoubted, but it can only be exercised when the error is so manifest, *upon an inspection of the act, as to* preclude all manner of doubt, and when the correction will relieve the sense of the statute from an actual banality, and carry out the clear purpose of the legislature." Lance vs. Comm'rs, Elec., 128 Pa. 503. The rule under consideration is perfectly clear on its face, and it cannot be modified or abridged in its application or meaning by evidence that some thing different was intended to be contained in it from that which actually appears therein. "When the words of a statute are plainly expressive of an intent the interpretation must be in accordance therewith." Bradbury v. Wagenhorst, 54 Pa. 180.

But the principal contention of defendant's counsel is that even if the rule means what the Department of Mines contends it means, so much of it as requires a bore hole to be kept in advance of the face of the workings or the holes used for the firing of shots in entries and other narrow workings going into the solid coal where there are no clay veins, spars or faults, is an invalid attempt on the part of the Legislature to exercise the police power of the state, and that such requirement of the rule therefore is void. Counsel state that this contention is based on the proposition that there must be a real and substantial relationship between the end sought to be accomplished by the Legislature and the method provided for that purpose, and that as applied in the concrete to the facts of this case the keeping of a bore hole three feet in advance of the face of the workings and three feet in advance of the holes in which shots are fired does not furnish any added element of safety to the men engaged in mining the coal, even though their labor be in entries or other narrow workings going into the solid coal, but in which there are no clay veins, spars or faults. Counsel assert the inquiry to be whether or not there is a substantial and real relationship between the keeping of a bore hole three feet in advance of the face of the workings, or three feet in advance of the holes in which shots are fired, and the preservation of the health and safety of the miners.

A clay vein is an irregular fracture of the coal seam, extending from the top to the bottom of the seam, sometimes vertical and at other times sloping, from an inch to several feet in width, filled with clay and stone from above. A spar is a partial fracture of the coal seam, one that does not extend to the bottom of the seam, filled with the same material as a clay vein. A fault exists where there is an imperfect joining of the coal stratum, the seam having been broken, leaving one section of it higher or lower than the other. Gas in bituminous coal mines is to be found either coming into the mine from the overlying strata after the coal has been removed, or distributed generally throughout the coal seam and seeping through the pores of the coal to the face of the workings. The evidence is to the effect that gas is not found, as sometimes thought, secreted in pockets or reservoirs in the solid coal. Sometimes a clay vein proves to be an impervious barrier to the escape of gas through the coal, becoming a natural wall through which the gas cannot pass. This depends on the thickness and solidity of the clay vein. In actual mining throughout most of the bituminous region the coal is undercut with machines at the bottom of the seam, for a distance of five or six feet, and above this a shot hole is drilled about the same distance into the coal, which is filled with powder by means of which the coal is blasted down. The theory of Rule 18 is that if a bore hole be kept three feet in advance of the face of the work, or three feet in advance of any shot hole drilled for a blast to be fired in, it will perforate any clay vein, which may be holding back quantities of gas before a blast is fired which will fracture it and thus release the gas and warn the miners of its presence before the blast is fired in the shot hole. Under the evidence offered the practical value of the bore hole as an added element of safety to the miners is not certain. There is evidence to the effect that in some cases the presence of gas back of a clay vein will be denoted by the bore hole when otherwise it would not be discovered until released by a blast in a shot hole. There is other evidence tending to show that in most cases the presence of gas behind clay veins may be discovered in other ways, almost as certainly as by the use of the bore hole, the evidence showing that in approaching clay veins the coal usually becomes as the miners express it, "early," that is, the cleavages of the coal become curled or twisted out of their natural bearings. There is evidence showing also that the coal near clay veins is not so bright in color as elsewhere, and sometimes is harder than at other places, and often is characterized by the presence of additional sulphur. These conditions it was shown usually will be regarded by experienced miners, although it was admitted by some of the witnesses that miners not observing closely may reach a clay vein without noticing the indications mentioned. The evidence shows also that the general use of safety or flameless powder in *gaseous mines throughout* the bituminous region greatly reduces the danger of explosions of gas in blasting down the coal. A summing up of all the evidence offered merely amounts to the statement that in many cases, in many localities in the bituminous coal regions under conditions there existing, the use of the bore hole is not an added element of safety to the miners, while in other cases, in other localities under the conditions that exist there, it is an added element of safety. Into which one of these classes a certain case may fall cannot always be foretold.

In the Royal mine three parallel entries were being driven into the solid coal. These entries in that field were termed "narrow workings," as distinguished from pillar and rib work. At the time of the complaint in this case there were from 150 to 200 men employed in the mine every day. The coal was being undercut, and blasted down by the use of shot holes, but no bore holes were maintained. The testimony of the mine inspector is that when he examined the mine shortly before entering this prosecution he found no clay veins, spars or faults at the face of these entries. But upon that testimony, or upon other evidence to the same effect, cannot safely be based the assumption that no clay veins, spars or faults will be encountered as the entries are pressed forward. And it cannot be said that these entries as they are proceeded with are places "where there are no clay veins, spars or faults," as assumed by counsel for the defendant. It may be that the very thought which the legislature had in mind in requiring bore holes to be maintained in "entries and other narrow workings going into the solid coal" was that clay veins, spars or faults might be encountered at any time as the work advanced into the undeveloped coal, and that for that reason the greatest precautions for safety should be exercised. And there may be many other reasons, not suggested by anybody in connection with this case, which impelled the legislature to adopt this provision of the rule.

The most the evidence shows is that there is a difference of opinion between mining experts and the members of the legislature who voted in favor of the rule under consideration, as to the elements of safety to flow from the adoption and enforcement of the rule. But that difference of opinion, when we take into consideration all the evidence offered, is not sufficient, and the merits of the objections are not so pronounced, as to warrant the court in holding that the requirements of the rule are so unreasonable and useless as to take its enactment out of the legitimate exercise by the Legislature of the police power of the state, on the ground that the rule it not germane to the objects which the Legislature had in mind. The title to the act of June 9, 1911, P. L. 756, is "An act to provide for the health and safety of persons employed in and about the bituminous coal mines of Pennsylvania, and for the protection and preservation of property connected therewith." Rule 18 of Article XXV certainly is germane, and must be said to have a real and substantial relation, to the purposes of the act. The only legitimate question that can be raised under the evidence is as to its efficacy.

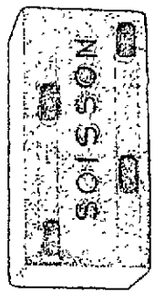
Looking at the matter in that light we may say in regard to this rule, as was said by the Supreme Court, relative to the "Full Crew Act" of June 19,1911, P. L. 1053, in Pennsylvania Railroad Company vs. Ewing, 241 Pa. 581: "Under the evidence, there is admittedly some room for controversy as to whether the statute is or was necessary; but it cannot be said that it is so unreasonable as to justify the court in adjudging that it is merely an arbitrary exercise of power and not germane to the objects which evidently the State Legislature had in view. It is a means employed by the state to accomplish an object which it is entitled to accomplish, and such means, even if deemed unwise, are not to be condemned or disregarded by the courts, if they have a real relation to that object." It was held there that "A court of equity will not enjoin the enforcement of the provisions of such a statute where the purpose of the Legislature as declared therein is admittedly within the police power of the state, and the means thereby provided for effectuating such purpose appear from the statute to bear a substantial relation to the end to be accomplished," although one of the contentions urged upon the court relative to the act was that "its enforcement will result in no benefit to railroad companies, employes or passengers," which called forth from the court the statement first above quoted from the opinion. Quoting from the case of Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company v. McGuire, 219 U. S. 549, the court said. "*The scope of* judicial inquiry in deciding the question of power is not to be confused with the scope of legislative considerations in dealing with the matter of policy. Whether the enactment is wise or unwise, whether it is based on sound economic theory, whether it is the best means to achieve the desired result, whether, in short, the legislative discretion within its prescribed limits should be exercised in a particular manner, are matters for the judgment of the legislature, and the earnest conflict of serious opinion does not suffice to bring them within the range of judicial cognizance." In Commonwealth v. Plymouth Coal Company, 232 Pa. 144, it was held that Section 10 of Article III of the Anthracite Mining Act of June 2, 1891, P. L. 176, which provides that "It shall be obligatory on the owners of adjoining coal properties to leave, or cause to be left a pillar of coal in each seam or vein of coal worked by them, along the line of adjoining property, of such width, that taken in connection with the pillar to be left by the adjoining property owner, will be a sufficient barrier for the safety of the employes or either mine in case the other should be abandoned and allowed to fill with water, such width of pillar to be determined by the engineers of the adjoining property owners, together with the inspector of the district in which the mine is situated," was a valid exercise of the police power of the state, and was not in conflict with constitutional right, and that the defendant should be enjoined from working its mine until the width of such a boundary pillar or the absence of the necessity for one should be determined by the mine inspector and the engineers, under the act, even though the entire defense, on the merits, was a denial of the necessity for such a barried pillar. It was held there that under the act the mine inspector and the engineers of the adjoining property owners had authority to determine in what cases no boundary pillars need be left. But there is no contention that by the rule now under consideration any authority is given to anybody to declare in any case that bore holes need not be maintained.

The declared purpose of the act of June 9, 1911, P. L. 756, as found in its title, as clearly within the police power of the state. That power, which extends to all regulations affecting the health, good order, morals, peace and safety of society, includes those which are reasonably necessary for the safety of employes in coal mines. From the face of Rule 18 of Article XXV of the Act, it is apparent that it has a real and substantial relation to that safety. That being true, the rule being a valid exercise of the police power of the state, the wisdom of the enactment was a matter for the judgment of the Legislature, and not for decision by the courts. The fact that coal mining companies affected by the rule must make additional expenditures in order to comply with its provisions, as alleged by defendant's counsel, is a matter not material to the consideration of the case. The matter of expense was for the consideration of the Legislature alone in determining whether or not the rule should be enacted. "Uncompensated obedience to a regulation enacted for the public welfare or safety, under the police power of the state, is not taking property without due compensation, and any injury sustained in obeying such a regulation is *hit damnum absque lesione.*" Pennsylvania Railroad Company v. Ewing 241 Pa. 581. Relief from the enforcement of the rule under consideration must come, if at all, from the Legislature and not from the courts.

And now, December 1, 1914, it is adjudged that, while there may be an honest difference of opinion as to the benefits to be derived in all cases from a compliance with the provisions of Rule 18 of Article XXV of the Bituminous Mining Act of June 9, 1911, P. L. 756, as an added element of safety in the operation of the mines the action of the Legislature in adopting the rule was in the legitimate exercise of the police power of the state, being in a matter germane and properly related to the purposes of the act, and that the rule, therefore, is valid, and is binding upon all persons coming within its provisions, and on the submission of this case to the court herewith filed, on the question of the legality of the decision of the mine inspector of the ninth bituminous mining district of Pennsylvania, in holding that the rule must be complied with as written, the decision of the mine inspector is sustained.

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Though it was his life that they sought so pertinaciously, no later than yesterday (and then by no means for the first time), they had proved that if Rose were with Alan they would include her ruthlessly in whatsoever scheme they might contemplate for his personal extermination.

Nor would Tom Barcus be exempt, if they were caught in company—though Judith might be, in view of Marrophat's infatuation for the girl.

Those two were far ahead, out of sight, indeed: and must somehow be overtaken and warned—no easy matter since the machine which bore them was, if anything, faster than Alan's, just as the racing automobile was faster than either.

Alan kept his gaze steadfast to the road before them, daring not once to look up and round or back.

So sinuous and meandering was its course, indeed, that Alan seldom could see a hundred yards of it ahead, but must pelt on in panic flight, hoping for the best [illegible] of Judith and Barcus would soon show up in front, that something might happen to hinder the pursuit—never knowing whether the latter [illegible] or gained.

And then catastrophe befell . . .

Round the swelling bosom of a wooded mountainside the motorcycle [illegible] warning came upon [illegible] discomfited, Barcus [illegible] and tinkering with [illegible]

[illegible] instant collision [illegible] Barcus and [illegible] occupied [illegible] the width of the road, there was [illegible] between them and the [illegible] forest [illegible] on the latter side would be fatal to dash his brains out against the trees, while to make the attempt on the outer would be to risk leaving the road altogether and dash on off into space.

And it was impossible to stop the [illegible] In desperation Alan [illegible] front wheel [illegible] of the slope.

At this he [illegible] sharply and upon sheer [illegible]. A [illegible] cycle left the road altogether [illegible] a broken knob [illegible] grasp of its handlebars and [illegible] out headlong [illegible] against the road bed. The effect of this was to lift him bodily from the saddle; the machine shot from beneath him like some strange projectile hurled from the bore of a great gun, and Rose crashed against him in the same fraction of a second.

Headlong they plunged as one down the hillside, struck [illegible] for one face [illegible] feet from the brink of the road, and [illegible] apart to tumble their separate ways down the remainder of the drop and into the friendly shelter of the underbrush.

Something [illegible] them whole. Beyond a few scratches and bruises and a severe shaking up, they escaped unharmed. And they were picking themselves up and regaining their breath and recollecting their scattered wits when, with impetus no less terrific than their own had been, the pursuing motor car swung round the bend and hurled itself directly at the two who remained upon the road above.

CHAPTER XLIX.

Sacrifice.

But Tom Barcus hadn't failed to profit by the warning implicit in Alan's [illegible]

Alan, he told himself shrewdly, would never have run his cycle at so foolhardy a pace without good reason, and under the circumstances good reason was synonymous solely with pursuit.

He was therefore on the alert, quick to see the racing automobile when it came hurtling round the bend, and in the very nick of time grasped Judith's arm and swung her bodily with him back out of harm's way, amid the trees that bordered the inside of the road.

Of necessity his motorcycle suffered. Abandoned in the middle of the road, it was struck by the buffers of the motor car and flung aside as if it had been nothing more ponderable than a truss of straw—landing half-way down the embankment, a hopeless tangle of shattered tubing and twisted wire.

At first blush the circumstance seemed surprising, that the car did not stop. But then Barcus reminded himself that Marrophat and Jimmy could not possibly have witnessed the accident involving Alan and Rose, who, together with the wreck of their machine, remained well cloaked by the underbrush at the bottom of the canyon. In all probability, then, the assassins had assumed that Alan had hurried on; and since their own first business was concerned exclusively with them, they had done likewise, reasoning that they could retain and deal with his unfortunate friend at their convenience after overhauling their quarry, whose life they most coveted.

As for Rose and Alan—heaven alone knew what had happened to them. So Barcus set himself to find out whatever Providence knew without more delay. The racing car was barely out of sight when he sprang from the sheltering trees and, Judith at his heels, pelted headlong down the slope to the spot where the others had vanished.

To find them not only alive but practically unscathed affected that loyal soul almost to tears.

But when congratulations had been mutually exchanged, there fell an awkward pause. The eyes of the four sought one another's ruefully, each pan quick with the unuttered but inexorable inquiry: What next?

In the outcome, it was Mr. Barcus who advanced the suggestion which was adopted—though this was its reception more through lack of a better than for any actual appeal intrinsic in the proposition.

"When we broke down, I saw," he ventured, with a backward jerk of his thumb to indicate the road, "a canyon branching off from this one about a quarter of a mile over yonder. If it's all the same to you people we might stroll round that way and see what its natural attractions may be—if any. But it's sure a mighty poor sort of a canyon that doesn't lead anywhere—and nothing could possibly be more fatiguing to our mercurial and restless tempers than to squat down here and fold our hands in our laps and wait for something to turn up—and anyway we can't be worse off than we are—and—"

"Sufficient!" Mr Law interrupted with a bleak smile.

Crooking a deferential arm, Barcus offered it to Judith.

"Everything is lovely in the formal garden," he insisted—"so sweetly romantic. Are you game for an idle saunter, just to while the idle hours away?"

The woman found spirit enough for a wan smile as she tucked her hand gratefully beneath his arm.

"You're the cheerfulest soul I ever met," she said demurely. "What I'm going to do without you when—if ever—we get out of this awful business, goodness only knows."

"Let's talk of something else," he suggested hastily.

"Unless, of course," she pursued with a broken gravity, "I marry you. . . ."

"Heaven," the young man prayed fervently, "forfend!"

"That is hardly gallant—"

"I mean—heaven forfend that you should throw yourself away!"

"Humph!" she mused. "Perhaps you're right."

Their banter was not without a subtle object, namely, to reassure the girl who followed, supported by her lover's arm.

In the course of the last 24 hours Rose's jealousy of her sister's newfound friendliness with Alan had become acutely evident. The least courtesy which circumstances now and again demanded that he show Judith or seem a boor, was enough to cloud the countenance of Alan's betrothed.

Nor, indeed, was Rose altogether destitute of plausible excuse for this feeling. It was undeniable that between Alan and Judith a bond of sympathy had grown out of the trials and hardships they had of late suffered in common. It was undeniable—but even in his most private thoughts Alan denied it fiercely. Judith, on the other hand, not only acknowledged it freely to herself, but secretly derived a strangely sweet and poignant pleasure from the knowledge that she loved so madly and hopelessly.

That her love was hopeless she knew but too well. Even though Alan might not be altogether indifferent to her, after all that had passed between them, his loyalty to Rose was unshakable. And not for worlds would Rose's rival have had it otherwise. She could not have loved him as she did had he not been so unmovably true. As it was, since she could not hope her love might be returned, she was content to love and to promise herself that, if opportunity ever offered, she would not prove unready to sacrifice herself for her love.

And at times she caught herself praying that such opportunity would be accorded her, and quickly, and that the sacrifice it should demand would be complete. . . .

Now prayers are sometimes answered when the boon craved is good for the soul . . .

Slowly and painfully those four toiled along an obscure trail that followed the windings of the little river, until a branch struck into the main stream and so discovered to them yet another trail leading into the westward canyon.

Then again slowly and painfully they plodded on following blindly another trail blazed by Fates as blind as they.

Above them, on the road they had abandoned, the crimson racer doubled back to the point where it had passed Judith and Barcus; its occupants descended, explored, and came presently upon the trail of the fugitives.

Bloodhounds could not have settled down upon a scent with more good will and eagerness than Mr. Marrophat and his faithful aide.

The sun was high and blazing above the canyon when the pursuit came within rifle shot of the chase.

A spiteful shot roused the quartet from a pause of lethargic dismay due to tardy appreciation of the fact that they had penetrated aimlessly almost to the end of a blind alley.

A hasty council of war armed Alan with Judith's revolver, [illegible] posted him behind a bowlder commanding the approaches to the chasm. The weapon, a powerful .45, had a range sufficient to numb the impetuosity of the assassins and keep them under cover and out of sight of the desperate essays the fugitives were making to compass an escape.

For in the shed behind an abandoned log cabin—souvenir, no doubt, of some forgotten prospector—Barcus had unearthed a length of stout hempen rope.

With the aid of a rusty shovel he had hacked this into two equal lengths. One of these lengths he proceeded to make fast around his own waist, then around Rose's. The other he left to be similarly employed by Alan and Judith. For it was agreed that they must climb, and while the cliff offered no problem to daunt a mountain climber of any pretensions, it was considered best that the fugitives should be hitched up in pairs against any possibility of a slip. The pairing had been determined by the fact that Barcus boasted some slight experience in mountaineering, while Rose was plainly the most exhausted of the two women, the least able to help herself in an emergency.

He had worked his cautious way, with the girl in tow, to a point mid way up the face of the cliff, following a long diagonal that provided the easiest climbing, when Alan stole back to Judith and reported that, on the evidence of observation and belief, he was convinced that the pursuit had turned back—perhaps for want of ammunition, perhaps to execute some less hazardous attempt upon the lives of the fugitives.

Without delay, then, he made the free end of the rope fast around his own waist, and, following the way Barcus had chosen, began the ascent.

Two-thirds of the climb had been accomplished, and Rose and Barcus had arrived in safety at the top, before the temptation to look down proved irresistible.

Immediately beneath his heels the face of the cliff was deeply hollowed out, leaving a drop of 50 feet to a shelving ledge of shale as steep as a roof whose eaves—perhaps another fifty feet below—jutted out over another fall of a hundred feet.

Alan shuddered and swallowed hard before resuming the ascent.

Another 20 feet brought him to a ledge quite six feet wide, offering a broad and easy path to the summit. He gained this with a prayer of heartfelt relief and was on the point of rising to his feet when a cry of horror from Barcus and a scream of terror from Rose, watching over the upper edge, warned him barely in time to enable him to snatch at and grasp a knob of rock before Judith's weight tautened the rope between them and jerked Alan's legs from under him.

His feet and legs kicked the empty air beyond the lip of the ledge, he lay face downward, clutching desperately the knob of rock, praying that it might not come away in his grasp, that his grasp might hold, that Barcus might arrive in time to save them both. The rope was cutting into his waist like a dull knife. The drag of Judith's body was frightful. He could feel her swinging like a pendulum at the end of its 30 feet, and could imagine but too vividly what would happen if the rope should prove faulty. . . .

The fall of 20 feet to the shale roof was nothing. What would follow would, however, spell death. The impact of her body would set the shale in motion like an avalanche—and beyond the eaves was only emptiness and the bowlder-strewn bed of the chasm, a hundred feet below!

The sweat poured from his face like rain. His eyes started in their sockets, the blood drummed in his ears with a roar resembling distant thunder. His fingers grew numb, his throat dry. . . .

He felt that he could not hold on another instant when, abruptly, that torture was no more. The rope had been relieved of its burden. He heard a scream from below echoed by one from above, then the thump of Judith's body falling on the shale, then the slithering rumble of the landslide gathering momentum. . . .

Barcus, at length arrived, assisted him to a place of security. Spent and faint and sick with horror, he lay prone and shuddering.

Only the assurance of Barcus that Judith had somehow escaped being precipitated over the eaves of the shale roof roused him and gave him nerve enough to resume the climb.

It was true, when he found courage to look and see for himself, she lay within three yards of the brink supine, her face uplifted to the sun, unstirring: she dared not stir; a single movement was calculated to set the shale bed again in motion.

Painfully he realized that if, as Barcus asserted, she had deliberately cut the rope herself, Judith had offered up her life to spare his own.

CHAPTER L.

Retribution.

And yet the very consciousness of the girl's danger was all the stimulant that Alan needed to recall him to himself.

Once arrived with Barcus at the top of the cliff, he lost no time in setting about preparations to effect her rescue.

In this highness Fortune smiled upon him, as it were, by predisposition.

A broad roadway ran along the top of the precipice, turning off at a little distance to the right, to descend the mountainside. And just beyond this turning Providence had chosen to locate the camp of a hydraulic mining outfit.

Alan's appearance at the top, in fact, was coincident with the arrival at that point of half a dozen excited miners, and he had no more than voiced his demands than three of their number were hastening back to the camp to procure rope and more hands.

Within five minutes Alan, against the protests of Rose and Barcus, was being lowered over the edge and down to the shale roof on which he landed at a spot far to one side of Judith, to escape all danger of sending a second landslide down upon her.

Picking his way carefully down to the very brink, Alan edged along this, more than once saved a fall to death only by the rope, until he stood immediately below Judith.

Then pausing, he instructed her carefully, tossed the end of the rope into her hands, and when she had wound it twice round her arm, crept up to her side and helped her make it fast about her body.

His signal to the miners that all was well educed prompt response. There was a giddy interval in which the two swung portentously between heaven and earth. Then they stood once more in safety.

Supported by sympathetic hands, the quartet staggered into camp, their story, as condensed by Barcus and breathlessly confirmed by Alan, already winning them enthusiastic champions.

And this was very well for them. For they had no more than seated themselves and begun to appreciate what perils they had escaped, when the rumble of a motor car sounded beyond the shoulder of the hill.

Startled by this alarm once more into full command of his flagging faculties, Alan rose and stumbled out into the roadway, taking cognizance of such facilities for defense as the camp afforded and issuing instructions with a voice vibrant with fear, not for his own safety, but for the safety of those whom he loved.

Not far from the point where the road swung from the cliff to thread the camp the hydraulic nozzle was in action, its terrific force of water melting the mountainside away ton by ton.

Toward this Barcus ran at top speed, gaining the man in charge of the nozzle just as the car swung round the bend.

Pausing only long enough to make certain that there could be no mistake—and having this certainty made doubly sure by Jimmy's action in rising from his seat and firing over the windshield pointblank at Alan as this last stood waiting in the roadway—Barcus and the miner swung the nozzle round until it bore directly on the car.

The power of its stream was such that the car was checked instantly in its tracks; and before the water could have been shut off or the stream diverted, the machine was driven back to the very lip of the cliff and over it completely, taking with it those twain upon whose efforts all the hopes of Seneca Trine of late had been centered.

A death that was merciful, in that it was instantaneous, awaited them at the foot of the cliff.



His Screams Brought Attendance.

CHAPTER LI.

The New Judith.

From sleep as from drugged stupor Judith Trine awakened, struggling back to consciousness like some exhausted diver from the black depths to the star-smitten surface of a night-bound pool.

And for a little she lay unstirring, her half-numb wits fumbling with their business of renewing acquaintance with the world.

At first she could by no means recognize her surroundings. This rude chamber of rough plank walls and primitive furnishings; this wide, hard couch she shared with her still slumbering sister, Rose, the view revealed by an open window at the bedside: a fair perspective of tree-clad mountains through which a wide-bosomed canyon rolled down to an emerald plain, conveyed nothing to her intelligence.

A formless sense of some epochal change in the habits and mental processes of a young lifetime, added to her confusion.

Who was she herself, this strange creature who rested here so calmly by the side of Rose? If she were Judith Trine how came she to be there? Irreconcilable opposites in every phase of character, the sisters had sedulously avoided association with each other ever since childhood: they had not shared the shelter of four walls overnight since time beyond the bounds of Judith's memory. What, then, had so changed them both that they should be found in such close company?

What, indeed, had become of the wild thing, Judith Trine of yesterday? Surely she had little enough in common with this Judith of today, in whose heart was no more room for envy, hatred, malice or any uncharitableness, so full was it of love which, though it was focused upon the person of one man, none the less embraced all the world—even her sister and successful rival in that one man's affections.

This change had not come upon her without warning. She had been almost insensibly aware of its advent through the gradual softening of that old Judith's hard and vengeful nature in the course of the last few days. But now that the revolution was accomplished, she hardly knew herself—she hardly knew the world, indeed, so differently did she regard it—not without something of the wide-eyed wonderment of a child to find all things so new and strange and beautiful.

And this was the work of Love!

Now the chain of memories was quite complete, no link lacking in it continuity. She recalled clearly every incident that had marked the slow growth of this great love she had for Alan Law, from that first day, not yet a month old, when he had escaped the fiery deathtrap she had set for him and repaid her only by risking his life anew to save her from destruction, down to this very morning when the stream from a hydraulic nozzle had swept over the brink of a three hundred-foot precipice a crimson racing automobile containing two desperate men bent upon compassing the death of her beloved.

By that act of sheer self-defense the world was richer for the loss of two black-hearted blackguards, and Alan Law might now be considered safe from further persecution—since there now remained not one soul loyal enough to Seneca Trine to prosecute his private war of vengeance against Alan. And though that aged monomaniac had means whereby he might purchase other scoundrels and corrupt them to his hideous purposes, Judith was determined that he should never again have any opportunity so to do. Though Alan, she knew, would never lift his hand to hinder her father's freedom of action, she, Judith, meant to take such steps as his persecution called for. If there were any justice in the land—if there were any alienists capable of discriminating between Trine's apparent sanity and his deep-rooted mania—then surely not many days more should pass into history without witnessing his consignment to an institution for the criminal insane.

She, Judith, would see to that, and then . . .

The woman sighed once more.

Then Rose and Alan would marry and live happily ever after.

But what of Judith?

She made a small gesture of resignation to her destiny. What became of her no longer mattered, so that Alan were made happy in such happiness as he coveted.

And now the thought stirred her sharply that what was to be done must be done quickly, if at all.

And the almost level rays of the declining sun, striking in through the open window, counseled haste if Judith were to accomplish her intention of leaving this place and finding her father again before nightfall.

With the utmost care she rose from the bed, crept to the door of the room (now recognized as the quarters of the foreman of the hydraulic mining outfit) and out into the room adjoining.

And there, pulling the door to gently behind her, she paused and for many minutes stood in tensestrung contemplation of the man she loved—Alan Law, asleep in a chair beside a table, his head pillowed on his folded arms.

This was leave-taking between them—and he would never know.

Far better so. Judith felt she could not trust herself to say farewell to him without breaking down and confessing the utter wretchedness that threatened to overwhelm her each time she forced herself to face the thought that this parting must be final.

Like a thief she stole across the creaking floor to Alan's side, hesitated, bent her head to his and touched her lips to his cheek—a caress so light that he slept on in ignorance of it.

Then, as she lifted her head and stood erect, bosom convulsed with silent sobs, she looked squarely into the face of Rose.

CHAPTER LII.

The Old Adam.

A long minute elapsed before either woman moved or spoke.

Transfixed beside Alan's chair, steadying herself with a hand upon its back, Judith stared at the figure in the doorway, in a temper at once discomfited and defiant. With this she suffered a phase of incredulity, was scarce able to persuade herself that this was truly Rose who confronted her—Rose whose sweet and gentle nature had ever served as the butt of Judith's contempt and ruthless ridicule.

Here was revolution with a vengeance, when Rose threatened and Judith shrank!

It was as if the women had exchanged natures while they slept.

The countenance that Rose showed her sister was a thundercloud rent by the lurid lightning of her angry eyes. Her pose was tense and alert, like the pose of an animal set to spring. In her hand hung a revolver, the same (Judith's hand sought the holster at her hip and found it empty) that her sister had worn and forgotten to remove when she dropped, half-dead with fatigue, upon the bed.

And slowly, toward the end of that long, mute minute, the girl's grasp tightened upon the grip of the weapon and its muzzle lifted.

Remarking this, a flash of her onetime temper quickened Judith. Of a sudden, with a start, she crossed the floor in a single, noiseless stride, and threw herself before her sister.

"Well?" she demanded hotly. "What are you waiting for? Nobody's stopping you: why don't you shoot?"

The upward movement of the hand was checked: the weapon hung level to Judith's breast—as level and unequivocal as the glance that probed her eyes and the tone of Rose's voice as she demanded:

"What were you doing there?"

"If you must know from me what you already know on the evidence of your eyes—I was bidding good-by to the man I love—kissing him without his knowledge or consent before leaving him to you for good and all!"

"What do you mean?"

"That I'm going away—that I can't stand this situation any longer. Marrophat and Jimmy are dead, my father's helpless—and I mean to see that he remains so. Nothing, then, stands in the way of your marrying Alan but me. And such being the case—and because he's as dear to me as he is to you—I'm going to take myself off and keep out of the way."

"For fear lest he find out that you love him?"

Judith's lip curled. "Do you think him so witless he doesn't know that already?"

"And so you leave him to me out of your charity! Is that it?"

"Any way you like. But if it's so intolerable to you to think that I dare love him and confess it to you—if you begrudge me the humiliation of stooping to kiss a man who doesn't want my kisses—if you are so afraid of losing him while I live and love him—very well, then!"

With a passionate gesture Judith tore open the bosom of her waist, offering her flesh to the muzzle of the revolver.

A cry broke from the lips of Rose that was like the cry of a forlorn child punished with cruelty that passes its understanding. She fell back against the wall. The revolver swept up through the air—but its mark was her own head rather than Judith's bosom.

But before her finger found strength to pull the trigger the man at the table, startled from his sleep by the sound of angry voices, leaped from his chair with a violence that sent it clattering to the floor, and hurled himself headlong across the room, imprisoning the wrist of his betrothed with one hand while the other wrested the weapon away and passed it to Judith.

"Rose!" he cried thickly, "what does this mean? Are you mad? Judith—"

Dragging the bosom of her waist together, Judith thrust the weapon into its holster and turned away.

"Be kind to her, Alan," she said in an uncertain voice: "She didn't understand and—and I goaded her beyond endurance, I'm afraid. Forgive me—but be kind to her always!"

Somehow, blindly, she stumbled out of the cabin into the open, possessed by a thought whose temptation was stronger than her powers of resistance. What Rose had failed to accomplish might now serve to resolve Judith's problem. . . . None, she told herself, bitterly, would seek to hinder her. But she meant so to arrange the matter that none should see or suspect and be moved to interfere.

Round the shoulder of the mountain, on the road along the edge of the cliff, she was sure of freedom from observation.

And yet, such is the inconsistency of the human animal, the instinct for self-preservation was stronger than her purpose: when a touring car swung round the mountain and shot toward her, she checked herself hastily and jumped aside in ample time to escape being run down.

The next instant the machine was lurching to a halt and the sonorous accents of Seneca Trine were saluting her:

"Judith! You here! What the devil! Where've ye been? Where are Marrophat and Jimmy?"

Digging the nails of her fingers painfully into her palms, she breathed deep, fighting down hysteria, reasserting her self-control in so short a space of time that her father failed to appreciate that there was anything uncommon in the mind of the girl.

"Where?" he demanded angrily as she approached the car, "where, I want to know, are Marrophat and Jimmy? Haven't you seen or heard anything of them? They left me at six o'clock this morning, to go after—"

"Dead!" the girl interrupted, sententious, eyeing him strangely.

"I don't believe it!" the old man screamed, aghast. "I won't believe it. You're lying to me, you jade! You're lying—"

"I am not," she broke in coldly. "I am telling you the plain truth . . . They followed us all morning in that red racer, firing at us all the while. Finally they caught up with us here, about noon—came up this road shooting over the windshield. It was our lives or theirs. We turned the hydraulic stream on them and washed the car over the cliff. If you don't believe me, get somebody to show you their faces."

She indicated with a gesture two forms that lay at a little distance back from the roadside, motionless beneath a sheet of canvas—the bodies of Trine's creatures, recovered by the mining gang and brought up for a Christian burial.

But Trine required no more confirmation of Judith's word. The light flickered and died in his evil old eyes; his stricken countenance assumed a hue of pallor even more intense than was normal with it; a broken curse issued from his trembling, thin, old lips; and his chin sagged to his chest, heavy-weighted with despair that followed realization of the fact that he no longer owned even one friend or creature upon whose conscienceless loyalty he might depend.

The last bitter drop that brimmed his cup of misery was added when Alan Law himself appeared, leaving the miners' cabin in company with his betrothed—Rose now soothed and comforted, smiling through the traces of her recent tears as she clung to her lover, nestling in the hollow of his arm.

To Alan, on the other hand, this rencontre seemed to afford nothing but the pleasantest surprise imaginable.

"Well!" he cried, releasing Rose and running down to the car. "Here's luck! And at the very moment when I was calling my lucky star hard names! How can I ever reward your thoughtfulness, Mr. Trine? It beats me how you do keep track of me this way—happening along like this every time I need a car the worst way in the world!"

"Drive on!" Trine screamed to the chauffeur. "Drive on, do you hear?"

But Judith had stepped up on the running board and was eyeing the driver coldly, with one hand significantly resting on the butt of the weapon at her side. The car remained at a standstill.

Sulphurous profanity followed, a pungent stream of vituperation that was checked only by Judith's interruption: "We've had to gag you once before, you know. If you want another taste of that—keep on!"

"But where's Barcus?" Judith demanded when, after helping Rose into the car and running off to thank their hosts, Alan returned alone to the car.

"Goodness only knows," the young man answered cheerfully. "He would insist on rambling off down the canyon in search of an alleged town where we could hire a motor car—somewhere down there. I tried to make him understand that we had plenty of time, but he was mulish as he generally is when he gets a foolish notion into his head. So I daresay we'll meet him on his way back—or else asleep somewhere by the roadside!"

Taking the seat next to the chauffeur, he gave the word to drive on; and they slipped away from the location of the mining camp, saluted by cheers from the miners.

The road dipped sharply down the mountainside to the bed of the canyon. The car moved smoothly and swiftly, coasting: only now and then was it necessary to call upon the engine for power with which to negotiate an upgrade or some uncommonly long stretch of level road.

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CONGRESS IS AGAIN IN SESSION; TO HEAR MESSAGE TOMORROW

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pending in the Senate. Representative Hobson has begun to urge action on a resolution for a national prohibition constitutional amendment and a constitutional amendment to provide for woman suffrage. Both are pending in the House. Good roads legislation, re-organization of the civil service and a bill to regulate the output of radium also await action.

Foreign affairs are certain to occupy attention of the Senate. The administration is said to desire action on the Nicaraguan treaty, through which the United States would acquire another interocean canal route and naval station rights in the Bay of Fonseca for $3,000,000. It also hopes for action on the pending treaty with Colombia to settle the partition of Panama for $25,000,000. Opposition to both treaties is promised by Republicans of the Foreign Relations Committee.

In preliminary discussions of appropriations the estimates for the new Federal Trade Commission to supervise the business of industrial corporations are prominent. The board will be organized in the near future. President Wilson has said he will appoint its five members early in the winter. Lively debate also is expected over the Rivers and Harbors appropriation bill, which has been under consideration ever since the old bill was filibustered to death in the last session and a blanket appropriation of $20,000,000 was substituted to carry on public works already under way. In the main, however, it is believed that chief attention will have to be given to the usual supply bills of the government in order to complete them before this Congress ends by operation of law on March 4, next.

NATION'S EXPENSES FOR 1916 PLACED AT $1,090,775,131.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. — Estimates presented to Congress today put the cost of conducting the government during the fiscal year 1916, which begins on July 1 next at $1,090,775,131.

This sum is $3,392,362 less than the Congressional appropriations for the current fiscal year ending next June 30th and $17,900,613 less than the estimates for the current year.

Without salary increases of any kind, no estimates whatever for new public buildings and all items reduced by order of President Wilson to what departmental heads consider the minimum, the estimates represent the administration's effort to keep the government expenditures within its income. By grand divisions, the estimates submitted today are as follows:

Legislative establishment ..	$7,611,010
Exec. tive establishment ...	31,945,880
Judicial establishment ..	1,240,580
Department of Agriculture	20,700,013
Postal service ...	297,355,164
Foreign Intercourse ..	4,007,182
Military establishment	105,866,850
Naval establishment	142,610,083
Indian affairs	9,532,467
Pensions	166,100,000
Panama canal	19,931,865
Public works	70,917,541
Miscellaneous	92,948,525
Permanent annual appropriations	121,597,205

With the expectation that the postal service will continue to be self-sustaining the postal item of $297,355,164 will be deducted as it is returned to the Treasury from postal earnings, leaving the actual total of expenditures at $793,419,970.

As there such a comparatively small change in the estimates there is also comparatively little change in the items of fixed charges and new estimates for expenditures have been reduced to the minimum. While the rule is one of reductions the army and navy establishments alone show increases of any note. The army estimate is increased to $105,866,850 as against a current appropriation of $101,977,802; the naval estimate is $142,610,033 against a current appropriation of $141,393,217.

Estimates for the legislative establishment include salaries and expenses of Congress. The executive estimates include the President, vice president and Civil Service Commission. Practically no changes are shown there.

In the State Department the only changes are some slight increases in salaries in contingent expenses for the diplomatic and consular service growing out of the Mexican situation and the European war.

In the Treasury Department the expense of collecting the income tax is estimated at $1,220,000, a decrease of $280,000. Estimates are presented for maintaining the western mints and assay offices, against which each session of Congress brings a fight.

In the Department of Commerce a new item is one of $3,000,000 for an agricultural census, $1,193,500 is asked for lighthouses, beacons and fog signals, $75,000 is estimated for investigating costs of production, and $100,000 is estimated for promoting commerce in South and Central America. This latter item is double the amount appropriated last year.

In the Department of Labor the estimate for the work of commissioners of conciliation on labor disputes would be raised from $50,000 to $75,000. For a study of the extent of industrial unemployment in the United States, $10,000 is estimated.

In the Department of Agriculture the principal special items, aside from the fixed charges of operation, are $800,000 for quarantine work to fight the foot and mouth disease; $398,000 to fight the cattle tick in the south; $847,000 to enforce the pure food laws; $1,000,000 for cooperative farm demonstration work, $60,000 for live stock experiments in southern counties where cotton cane has been the principal product; $87,000 for dairy experiments in the semi-arid and irrigated regions of the West, and $240,000 to encourage improved farm management methods. For free distribution of seed, $252,540 is asked. The total estimate for the forest service is $5,534,256. For the enforcement of the new law to regulate dealings in cotton futures and to carry on the investigation of marketing and distribution of food products, $376,595 is asked.

In the army estimates, $200,000 is provided for the new aviation corps, $700,000 for buildings and grounds of the military academy at West Point, and $150,000 for automatic machine rifles. The sum for militia maneuvers is reduced a million dollars and left at $250,000. $400,000 is asked for barracks and quarters in the Philippines; $825,000 for small arms target practice. $250,000 for the manufacture of arms. For public works in the War Department $62,000,000 is estimated, of which $53,000,000 is for rivers and harbors, an increase of $27,000,000 over last year's estimates. For fortifications and other works of defense, $5,800,000, a slight increase over last year, is estimated. Further construction and maintenance of the Panama Canal is estimated at $19,000,000.

In the navy $23,800,000 is asked for increases heretofore authorized and $19,000,000 is estimated for the 1916 building program. The following sums are estimated for navy yards:

Boston, $30,000; New York, $135,000; Philadelphia, $55,000; Washington, D. C., $135,000; Norfolk, $305,000, including a $200,000 drydock; Charleston, S. C., $30,000, Key West, $5,000, Mare Island, $65,000; Puget Sound, $10,000; for extension of the powder factory at Indian Head, Md., $158,000; naval magazines at Fort Mifflin, Pa., $81,000; naval magazines at Puget Sound, $58,000.

The estimates for arming the naval militia is doubled, making it $250,000.

In the Interior Department pensions are estimated at $166,000,000, a three-million dollar drop since last year. An estimate of $5,000,000 for the Reclamation Service appears in the estimates for the first time. Congress at the last session passed a law requiring reclamation outlays to be made by appropriation.

For fortifying the Panama Canal a total of $763,000 is estimated, an increase of half a million dollars over last year's appropriation. In this estimate is included $80,000 for searchlights and $100,000 for reserve equipment.

The Interstate Commerce Commission estimate is reduced $1,300,000 because it does not include provision for the physical valuation work for which an estimate will be furnished later.

The Department of Justice estimates include $300,000 for enforcing the anti-trust laws, and $150,000 for the penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

The total of $1,193,500 for lighthouses, beacons, fog signals, and other aids to navigation includes: lighthouse tender for general service, $150,000; service, $150,000; light vessel for general Atlantic service $120,000; light station at Goose Island Flats, N. J., $120,000 and other amounts for aids to navigation as follows:

Keweenaw Waterway *Harbor of Refuge*, Portage River, Michigan, $110,000; Hudson River $100,000; Milwaukee, Wisconsin, $200,000; South Pass, La., light vessel, $125,000; Mississippi river, below New Orleans, La., $50,000, Conneaut Harbor, Ohio, $63,500; Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, $80,000; Delaware river, $80,000; Detroit, $50,000, Hawaiian Islands, lighthouse depot, $30,000; Point Borinquen, Porto Rico, $85,000; Sand Hills, Mich., $75,000, Cape Spencer, Alaska, $100,000; Portage Lake, Michigan, $100,000; Nine Mile Point, Michigan, $50,000; Anacapa Island, Cal., $103,000.

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TO SPEND $53,000,000 FOR WATERWAYS DURING 1916

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—More than $53,000,000 is estimated for improvements and maintenance of the nation's waterways and harbors during the fiscal year of 1916, which begins July 1, 1915.

The great waterways require the larger part of the money. The total of the works is made up of a comparatively small number of large items and a comparatively large number of small items. The Mississippi river estimate is $10,500,000; the Ohio, $5,884,000; the Hudson, $3,670,000; the Tennessee, more than $3,000,000; the Columbia and the Missouri, $2,500,000 each; and the Delaware, $1,500,000.

Estimates of appropriations for the larger waterways are:

Mississippi river: Southwest Pass, $600,000; South Pass, $50,000, Passes to mouth of Ohio (including expenses of Mississippi river commission), $6,000,000; mouth of Ohio to Minneapolis, $3,785,000; between Brainerd and Grand Rapids Minn., $6,000; Mississippi and Leech rivers, Minn., $60,000.

Ohio river: Below Pittsburg, $9,881,000.

Hudson river, $3,670,000.

Missouri river: Kansas City to mouth, 6-foot channel, $2,200,000; Kansas City to Sioux City, $150,000; Sioux City to Fort Benton, $150,000.

Tennessee river. Above Chattanooga, $1,792,000; between Florence and Riverton, $120,000; below Riverton, $287,000.

Cumberland river: Below Nashville, $1,000,000.

Delaware river: Philadelphia to sea, $1,500,000; above Trenton, $47,500.

St. Mary's river: Construction of fourth lock, $1,010,000.

Columbia river: Mouth, $1,750,000; Columbia and Lower Willamette $600,000; at Cascades, $10,000; at Threemile Rapids, $80,000; Upper Columbia and Snake rivers, $65,000.

Monongahela river: Reconstruction of Lock and Dam No. 6 $211,200.

Allegheny river, $10,000.

Inland waterway, Rehoboth Bay to Delaware Bay, $130,000.

Potomac river: At Washington, $20,000.

Estimates of harbors and smaller waterways:

Maine: Portland, $105,000; St. Croix river, $84,000.

Vermont: Burlington, $2,000; Narrows of Lake Champlain, $5,000.

Massachusetts: Boston, 35 feet channel, $200,000; Falls River harbor $12,000; New Bedford and Fairhaven, $67,000; Newburyport, $10,000; Merrimac river, $5,000; Woods Hole Channel, $25,000; Point Judith harbor refuge, $75,000.

Rhode Island: Providence river and harbor, $327,800.

Connecticut: New Haven, $10,000; Connecticut river, below Hartford, $30,000; Housatonic river, $6,000; Thames river, $14,500.

New York: Buffalo, $187,875; Charlotte, $12,000; Gowanus bay channel, $150,000; Great Sodus bay harbor, $9,000; New York Hudson river channel, $250,000; Oswego, $100,000; Port Chester, $20,000, Mattituck, $10,000; Huntington, $5,000; Port Jefferson, $10,000; Mamaroneck, $14,500; Rondout and Peekskill, $5,000; Sheepshead Bay, $3,000; Tarrytown, $9,000; Bronx river, $200,000; Browns creek, $5,000, East Chester creek, $10,000; Harlem river, $150,000; Newton creek, $30,000; Arthur Kill, $605,000.

Porto Rico: San Juan, $10,000.

New Jersey: Absecon Inlet, $45,000; Keyport harbor, Raritan and Elizabeth rivers, $25,500; Raritan Bay, $20,000, Cooper river, $5,000; Maurice river, $10,000; Passaic river, $155,000; Raccoon creek, $8,000; Salem river, $5,000; Shrewsbury river, $10,000, Tuckerton creek, $6,000.

Pennsylvania: Erie, $30,000; Pittsburg, $7,500.

Delaware: Pier near Lewes, $5,000; Wilmington, $60,000; Appoquinimink, Murderkill and Mispillion rivers, $15,000; Broadkill river, $5,000; St. Jones river, $5,000.

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